

Mini Hi-Fi Component System

Operating Instructions



***MHC-GN999D
MHC-GN999DS
MHC-GNZ88D
MHC-GNZ77D
MHC-GNZ55D***

WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.

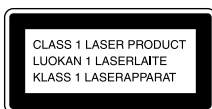
To prevent fire, do not cover the ventilation of the apparatus with newspapers, table-cloths, curtains, etc. And don't place lighted candles on the apparatus.

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not place objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on the apparatus.

To avoid electrical shock, do not open the cabinet.

Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.

Do not install the appliance in a confined space, such as a bookcase or built-in cabinet.



This appliance is classified as a CLASS 1 LASER product. This label is located on the rear exterior.

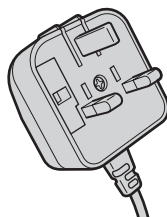


Don't throw away the battery with general house waste, dispose of it correctly as chemical waste.

Note on power cord plug shapes (Saudi Arabian model only)

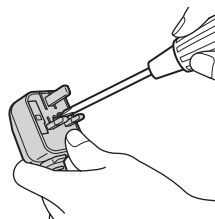
For AC 220 V wall sockets

- 1 Make the appropriate voltage setting on the system (only for models with a voltage selector).
- 2 Make sure that the 13 A 3-pin plug (Type BF) is securely attached to the power cord. (The 13 A 3-pin plug is attached when shipped from the factory.)



For AC 127 V wall sockets

- 1 Make the appropriate voltage setting on the system (only for models with a voltage selector).
- 2 Remove the 13 A 3-pin plug using a screwdriver.



- 3 Attach the supplied parallel blade plug (Type A).

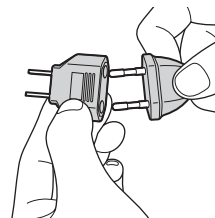


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* Russian model only

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About this manual

- The instructions in this manual are for models MHC-GN999D, MHC-GN999DS, MHC-GNZ88D, MHC-GNZ77D and MHC-GNZ55D. In this manual, the MHC-GN999D is used for illustration purposes unless stated otherwise.

The MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS consists of:

- Tuner/DVD player/Stereo cassette deck/Amplifier (unit) **HCD-GN999D**
- Speaker System
 - Front speakers **SS-GN999D/SS-GN999S**
 - Surround speakers **SS-RSX999D**
 - Center speaker **SS-CT999D**
 - Subwoofer **SS-WGV999D**

The MHC-GNZ88D consists of:

- Tuner/DVD player/Stereo cassette deck/Amplifier (unit) **HCD-GNZ88D**
- Speaker System
 - Front speakers **SS-GNZ88D**
 - Surround speakers **SS-RS8D**
 - Center speaker **SS-CT8D**

The MHC-GNZ77D consists of:







- Tuner/DVD player/Stereo cassette deck/Amplifier (unit) **HCD-GNZ77D**
- Speaker System
 - Front speakers **SS-GNZ77D**

The MHC-GNZ55D consists of:

- Tuner/DVD player/Stereo cassette deck/Amplifier (unit) **HCD-GNZ55D**
- Speaker System
 - Front speakers **SS-GNZ55D**

- The instructions in this manual describe the controls on the remote. You can also use the controls on the unit if they have the same or similar names as those on the remote.
- The English on-screen display is used for illustration purposes only.

- The on-screen display may be different depending on the model and area.
- The Control Menu items may be different depending on the disc, area and/or model.
- The Setup Menu items may be different depending on the model and area.
- The following symbols are used in this manual.

Symbol	Meaning
	Functions available for DVD VIDEOS (including DVD-Rs/ DVD-RWs/DVD+Rs/ DVD+RWs in DVD VIDEO format and DVD-Rs/DVD-RWs in video mode).
	Functions available for DVD-Rs/ DVD-RWs in VR (Video Recording) mode.
	Functions available for VIDEO CDs (including Super VCDs and CD-Rs/CD-RWs in VIDEO CD or Super VCD format).
	Functions available for AUDIO CDs (including CD-Rs/CD-RWs in AUDIO CD format and CD Graphics ¹⁾).
	Functions available for DATA CDs (CD-ROMs/CD-Rs/ CD-RWs) containing MP3 ²⁾ audio tracks, JPEG image files or DivX ³⁾⁴⁾⁵⁾ video files.
	Functions available for DATA DVDs (DVD-ROMs/DVD-Rs/ DVD-RWs/DVD+Rs/ DVD+RWs) containing MP3 ²⁾ audio tracks, JPEG image files or DivX ³⁾⁴⁾⁵⁾ video files.

¹⁾ Latin American models only.

²⁾ MP3 (MPEG 1 Audio Layer 3) is a standard format defined by ISO/MPEG which compresses audio data.

³⁾ DivX[®] is a video file compression technology, developed by DivX, Inc.

⁴⁾ DivX, DivX Certified, and associated logos are trademarks of DivX, Inc. and are used under license.











⁵⁾ MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only.

* Russian model only.

Playable discs

You can play back the following discs on this system. Other discs cannot be played back.

List of playable discs

Format of discs	Disc logo
DVD VIDEO	
DVD-RW/ DVD-R	 
DVD+RW/ DVD+R/ DVD+R DL	  
VIDEO CD	
AUDIO CD	 
CD Graphics (CDG) (Latin American models only)	
CD-R/CD-RW	

“DVD+RW”, “DVD-RW”, “DVD+R”, “DVD VIDEO”, and the “CD” logos are trademarks.

Notes on discs

The system can play back the following discs:

- CD-ROMs/CD-Rs/CD-RWs recorded in the following formats:
 - VIDEO CD format
 - AUDIO CD format
 - CD Graphics⁷⁾
 - DATA CD format which contains MP3 audio tracks¹⁾, JPEG image files²⁾ and DivX video files³⁾⁸⁾ of format conforming to ISO 9660⁴⁾ Level 1, Level 2 or Joliet in expansion format
- DVD-ROMs/DVD-Rs/DVD-RWs/DVD+Rs/DVD+RWs recorded in the following formats:
 - DVD VIDEO format
 - DATA DVD format which contains MP3 audio tracks¹⁾, JPEG image files²⁾ and DivX video files³⁾⁸⁾ of format conforming to UDF (Universal Disk Format)
 - VR (Video Recording) format (DVD-Rs/DVD-RWs only)

The system cannot play back the following discs:

- CD-ROMs recorded in PHOTO CD format
- Data part of CD-Extras⁵⁾
- Data part of Mixed CDs⁶⁾
- Super Audio CDs
- DVD Audio discs
- DVD-RAMs
- A DVD VIDEO with a different region code.
- A disc that has a non-standard shape (e.g., heart, square, star).
- A disc that has the adhesive cellophane tape or a sticker still left on it.


¹⁾ MP3 audio tracks must be in MPEG 1 Audio Layer 3 format with the extension “.MP3”. The system does not support MP3PRO format.

²⁾ JPEG image files must be in JPEG format with the extension “.JPG” or “.JPEG”.

³⁾ DivX video files must be recorded in DivX format with the extension “.AVI” or “.DIVX”.

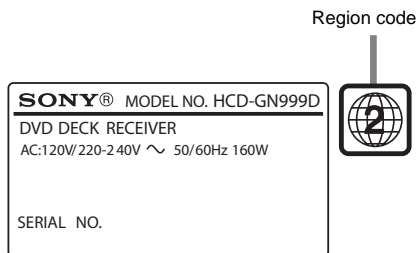
- 4) ISO 9660 format: A logical format of files and folders on CD-ROMs, defined by ISO (International Organization for Standardization).
- 5) CD-Extra: This format records audio (AUDIO CD data) on the tracks in session 1 and data on the tracks in session 2.
- 6) Mixed CD: This format records data on the first track and audio (AUDIO CD data) on the second and subsequent tracks of a session.
- 7) Latin American models only.
- 8) MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only.
* Russian model only.

Region code of DVD VIDEOS you can play back on this system

Your system has a region code printed on the back of the unit and will only play back DVD VIDEOS labeled with identical region code. DVD VIDEOS labeled  will also be played back on this system.

If you try to play back any other region code DVD VIDEO, the message “Playback prohibited by area limitations.” will appear on the TV screen. Depending on the DVD VIDEO, no region code indication may be labeled even though playing the DVD VIDEO is prohibited by area restrictions.

Example:



Note on DualDiscs

A DualDisc is a two sided disc product which mates DVD recorded material on one side with digital audio material on the other side.

However, since the audio material side does not conform to Compact Disc (CD) standard, playback on this product is not guaranteed.

Notes on CD-R/CD-RW/DVD-R/ DVD-RW/DVD+R/DVD+RW

- In some cases, CD-Rs/CD-RWs/DVD-Rs/ DVD-RWs/DVD+Rs/DVD+RWs cannot be played back on this system due to the recording quality or physical condition of the disc, or the characteristics of the recording device and authoring software. The disc will not be played back if it has not been correctly finalized. For details, see the operation instructions for the recording device.
- Note that some playback functions may not work with some DVD+RWs/DVD+Rs, even if they have been correctly finalized. In this case, view the disc by normal playback.
- A disc created in Packet Write format cannot be played back.

Note on playback operations of DVD VIDEOS and VIDEO CDs

Some playback operations of DVD VIDEOS and VIDEO CDs may be intentionally set by software producers. Since this system play back DVD VIDEOS and VIDEO CDs according to the disc contents the software producers designed, some playback features may not be available. Also, refer to the instructions supplied with the DVD VIDEOS or VIDEO CDs.

Note on PBC (Playback Control) (VIDEO CDs)

This system conforms to Ver. 1.1 and Ver. 2.0 of VIDEO CD standards. You can enjoy two kinds of playback depending on the disc type.

Disc type	You can
VIDEO CDs without PBC functions (Ver. 1.1 discs)	Enjoy video playback (moving pictures) as well as music.
VIDEO CDs with PBC functions (Ver. 2.0 discs)	Play back interactive software using menu screens displayed on the TV screen (PBC Playback), in addition to the video playback functions of Ver. 1.1 discs. Moreover, you can play back high-resolution still pictures, if they are included on the disc.

Music discs encoded with copyright protection technologies

This product is designed to play back discs that conform to the Compact Disc (CD) standard. Recently, various music discs encoded with copyright protection technologies are marketed by some record companies. Please be aware that among those discs, there are some that do not conform to the CD standard and may not be playable by this product.

Notes on Multi Session disc

- This system can play back Multi Session discs when an MP3 audio track is contained in the first session. Any subsequent MP3 audio tracks recorded in later sessions can also be played back.
- This system can play back Multi Session discs when a JPEG image file is contained in the first session. Any subsequent JPEG image files recorded in later sessions can also be played back.

- This system can play back Multi Session discs when a DivX video file is contained in the first session. Any subsequent DivX video files recorded in later sessions can also be played back.
- If the first session is recorded in AUDIO CD or VIDEO CD format, only the first session will be played back.
- The system will recognize a Multi Session disc as an AUDIO CD if there is a session recorded in AUDIO CD format on the disc. However, the system will only play back the disc if the first session is recorded in AUDIO CD format.
- (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only)
With DATA CD or DATA DVD, the system will only play back DivX video files even if it contains MP3 audio tracks or JPEG image files.

* Russian model only.

Copyrights


This product incorporates copyright protection technology that is protected by U.S. patents and other intellectual property rights. Use of this copyright protection technology must be authorized by Macrovision, and is intended for home and other limited viewing uses only unless otherwise authorized by Macrovision. Reverse engineering or disassembly is prohibited.

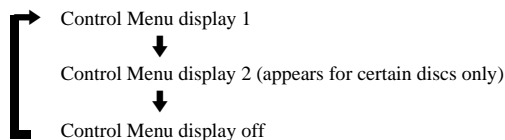
This system incorporates Dolby* Digital, Dolby Pro Logic (II) adaptive matrix surround decoder, and the DTS** Digital Surround System.

* Manufactured under license from Dolby Laboratories.
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**Manufactured under license from Digital Theater Systems, Inc.
“DTS” and “DTS Digital Surround” are registered trademarks of Digital Theater Systems, Inc.

Guide to the Control Menu display

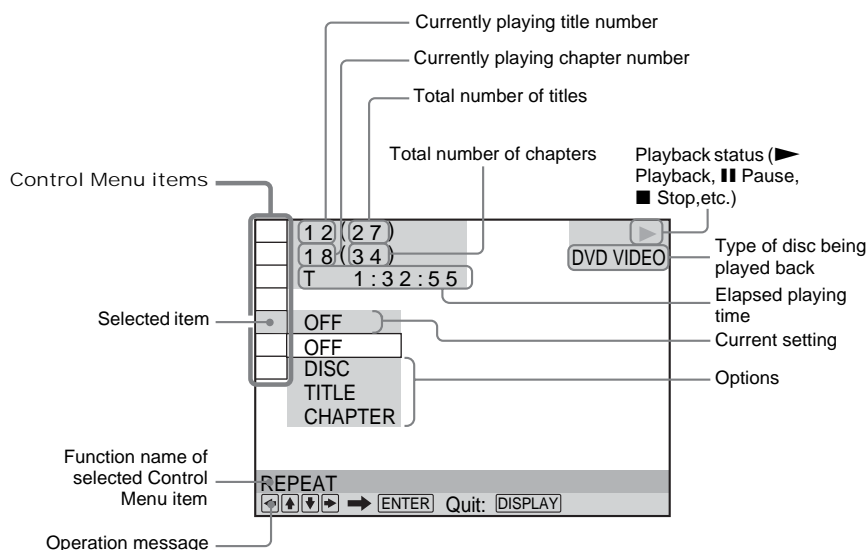
Use the Control Menu to select a function and to view related information. Press  DISPLAY repeatedly to turn on, turn off or change the Control Menu display as follows:



Control Menu display






The Control Menu display 1 and 2 will show different items depending on the disc type.













Example: Control Menu display 1 when playing a DVD VIDEO



continued

List of Control Menu items

Item	Item Name, Function, Relevant Disc Type		
	TITLE/SCENE/TRACK (page 40) Selects the title, scene, or track to be played back.	DVD-V	DVD-VR VIDEO CD
	CHAPTER/INDEX (page 40) Selects the chapter or index to be played back.	DVD-V	DVD-VR VIDEO CD
	TRACK (page 40) Selects the track to be played back.	CD	DATA CD DATA DVD
	ORIGINAL/PLAY LIST³⁾ (page 31) Selects the playback sequence either according to the originally recorded sequence or to the playlist created on the disc.		DVD-VR
	TIME/TEXT (pages 41, 77, 78) Checks the elapsed playing time and the remaining time. Inputs the time code to search for a particular point in DVD VIDEO and DVD-Rs/DVD-RWs in VR mode. Displays the text information on the CD-TEXT discs, DVD-TEXT discs and MP3 audio tracks.	DVD-	
	PROGRAM²⁾ (page 26) Plays back the track in the order you want.		
	SHUFFLE²⁾ (page 28) Plays back the track in random order.		
	REPEAT²⁾ (page 29) Plays back all discs repeatedly, the entire disc repeatedly or one title/chapter/track/album/file repeatedly.		
	A/V SYNC²⁾ (page 45) Sets the delay time between the sound and picture.		
	PARENTAL CONTROL (page 45) Set to prohibit playback on this system.		
	SETUP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “QUICK” Setup (page 19) Selects the language of the on-screen display you want, the aspect ratio of the TV, and the distance for the speakers.• “CUSTOM” Setup (page 49) In addition to the “QUICK” Setup setting, you can adjust other settings.• “RESET” (page 90) Returns the settings in “SETUP” to the default setting.		

Item	Item Name, Function, Relevant Disc Type								
	ALBUM (page 40) Selects the album to be played back.							DATA CD	DATA DVD
	FILE (page 40) Selects the JPEG image file or DivX video file to be played back.							DATA CD	DATA DVD
	DATE (page 80) Displays the date when the picture was taken by a digital camera.							DATA CD	DATA DVD
	INTERVAL (page 37) Specifies the duration for which the slides are displayed on the TV screen.							DATA CD	DATA DVD
	EFFECT (page 37) Selects the transition effect to be used for changing slides during a slide show.							DATA CD	DATA DVD
	MODE (MP3, JPEG) (page 36) Selects the data type: MP3 audio track (AUDIO), JPEG image file (IMAGE) or both (AUTO) to be played back.							DATA CD	DATA DVD
	KEY CONTROL¹⁾ (page 69) Changes the key to suit your vocal range.								
		DVD-V	DVD-VR	VIDEO CD	< ID			DATA CD	DATA DVD
	SCORE MODE¹⁾ (page 72) Selects the difficulty level for scoring mode.								
		DVD-V	DVD-VR	VIDEO CD	< ID			DATA CD	DATA DVD
	KARAOKE PON¹⁾²⁾ (page 68) Enjoys karaoke with a stereo-recorded disc, even if it is a non-karaoke disc, by reducing the sound of the vocals.								
		DVD-V	DVD-VR	VIDEO CD	< ID			DATA CD	DATA DVD
	VOCAL¹⁾²⁾ (page 69) Turns on or off the guide vocal for Dolby Digital Karaoke Format disc (DVD VIDEO only). Turns on or off the vocal (VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD only).								
		DVD-V		VIDEO CD	< ID				
	VOCAL SELECT¹⁾ (page 70) Selects the guide vocal recorded on the Dolby Digital Karaoke Format disc (DVD VIDEO only). Selects the vocal type (VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD only).								
		DVD-V		VIDEO CD	< ID				
	GUIDE MELODY¹⁾²⁾ (page 71) Turns on or off the guide melody for Dolby Digital Karaoke Format disc.								DVD-V

¹⁾ This function is only available during karaoke mode.

²⁾ The icon indicator lights up in green when you select any item except "OFF".

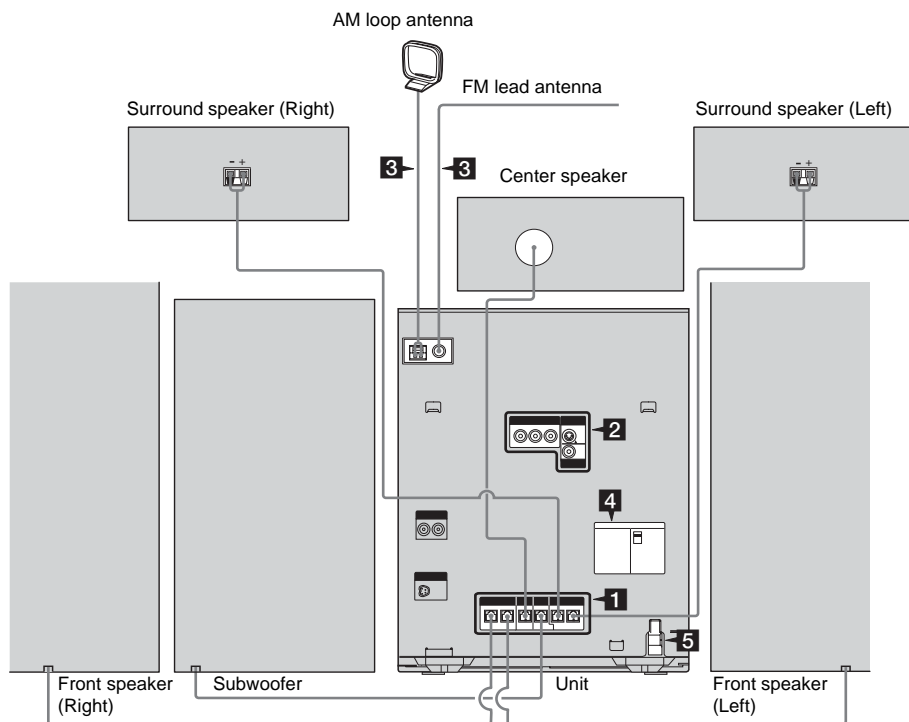
³⁾ The icon indicator lights up in green when you select "PLAY LIST".

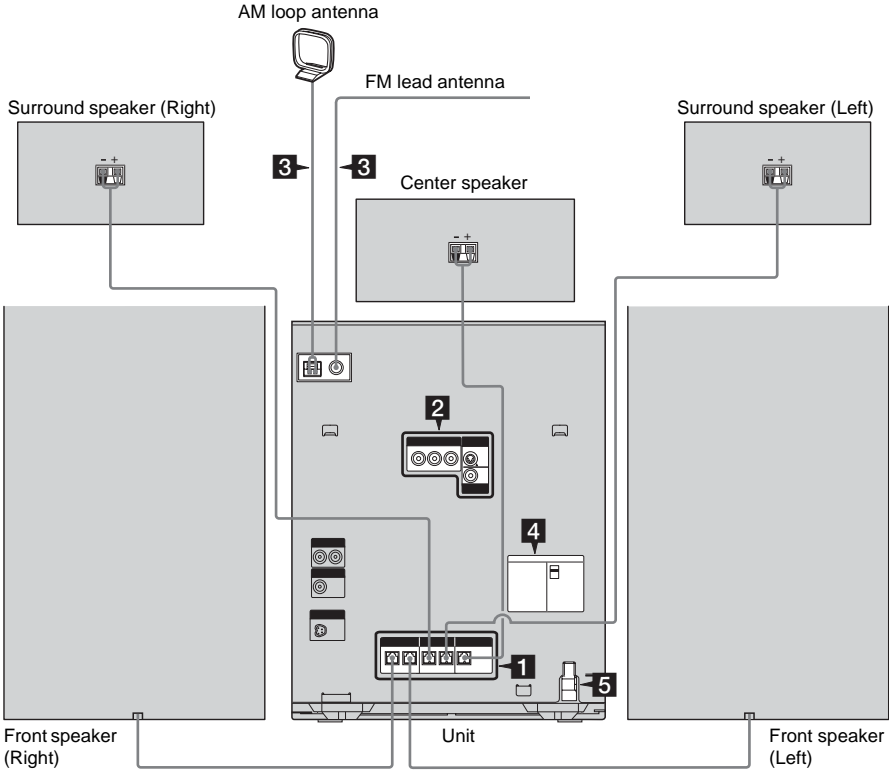
Getting Started

Hooking up the system

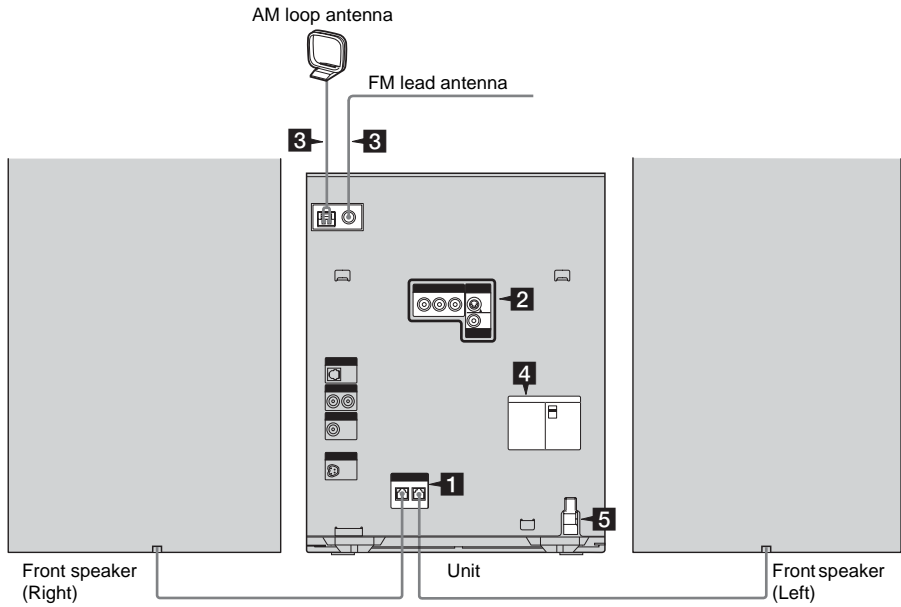
Refer to the illustration that follows (page 12, 13 or 14) and do the procedures **1** to **6** (pages 15 and 16) to hook up your system using the supplied cords and accessories.

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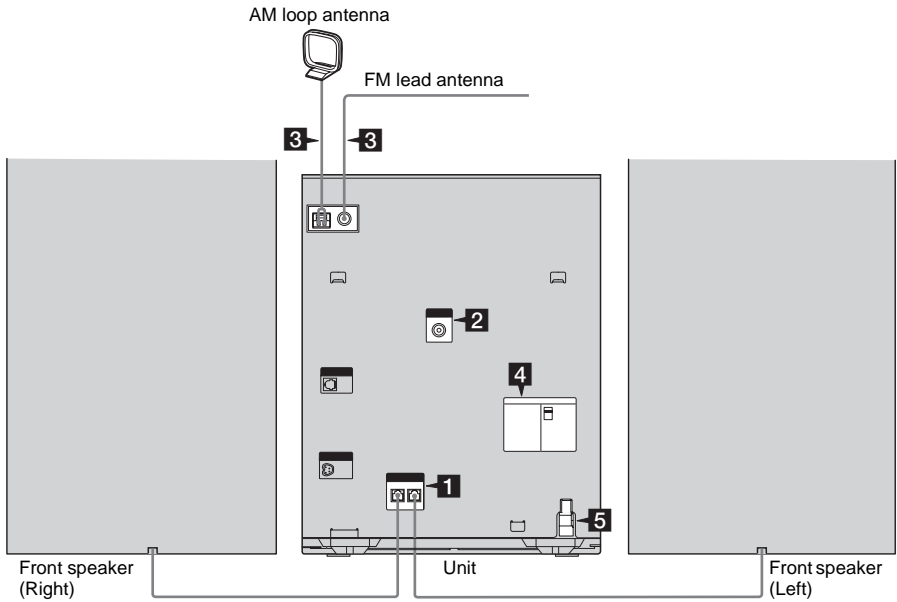




For MHC-GNZ77D



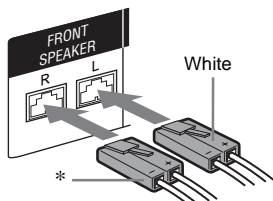
For MHC-GNZ55D



1 Connect the speakers.

Connect the speaker cords of the speakers to the terminals on the unit as shown below.

Front speakers



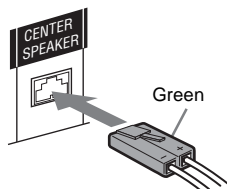
* For MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D: Red

For MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D: White

Center speaker

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MHC-GNZ88D only)

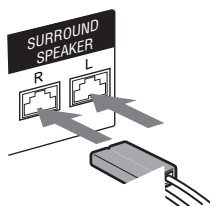
Example:



Surround speakers

(MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D only)

Example:



Tip

(MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only)

Connect the speaker cords to the terminals on the surround speakers.

(MHC-GNZ88D only)

Connect the speaker cords to the terminals on the center and surround speakers.

Subwoofer

(MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only)

(MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D only)

If you have an optional subwoofer, see
“Hooking up optional components” on
page 81.

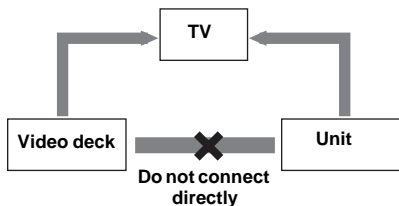
2 Connect the video input jack of your TV to the VIDEO OUT jack with the supplied video cord.

Example:

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When connecting a video deck

Connect the video deck to the TV using a video cord (not supplied). However, do not connect this unit to the TV through the video deck. Otherwise, you may experience video leakage when watching video images from this system. Connect this unit directly to the TV as shown below.



Tip

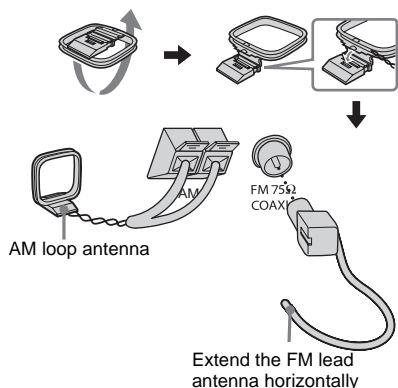
(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)

For higher quality video images:

- Use the optional component video cords to connect the COMPONENT VIDEO input jacks on your TV to the COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks of this unit. If your TV is compatible with progressive format file signals, use this connection and set to progressive format (page 21).
- You can use an optional S video cord to connect the S VIDEO input jack on your TV to the S VIDEO OUT jack of this unit.

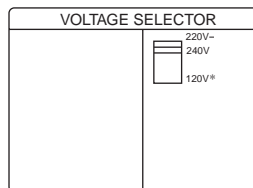
3 Connect the FM and AM antennas.

Set up the AM loop antenna, then connect it.



4 For models equipped with a voltage selector, set VOLTAGE SELECTOR to the position of your local power line voltage.

Depending on the model, the VOLTAGE SELECTOR may differ.



* Saudi Arabian model : 120 - 127V

5 Connect the power cord to a wall outlet.

The demonstration appears in the display. When you press I/⏻, the system turns on and the demonstration automatically ends. If the supplied adaptor on the plug does not fit your wall outlet, detach it from the plug (only for models equipped with an adaptor). For Saudi Arabian model, see “Note on power cord plug shapes” on page 2.

6 (Except for Latin American and Russian models)

Set the color system to PAL or NTSC depending on the color system of your TV.

The default setting for color system is different depending on the area.

Each time you perform the procedure below, the color system changes as follows:

NTSC ↔ PAL

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

1 Press I/⏻ to turn off the system.

2 Press I/⏻ while holding down III.

The system turns on automatically and the color system is changed.

“COLOR NTSC” or “COLOR PAL” appears in the display.

Notes

- Keep the speaker cords away from the antennas to prevent noise.
- Be sure to match the color of the speaker terminals on the unit and the connectors.
- Be sure to connect the speakers securely and correctly. When connecting speaker cords, insert the connector straight into the terminals.
- You cannot set the color system in the Power Saving Mode (see “Turning off the display” on page 76).
- When you play back a VIDEO CD recorded in a different color system from the one you set to the system, the picture image may be distorted.

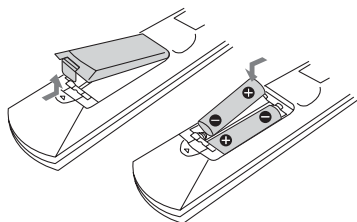
To connect optional components

See “Hooking up optional components” on page 81.

Using the remote

Inserting two R6 (size AA) batteries into the remote

Be sure to match the **+** and **-** ends on the batteries to the markings inside the compartment. When using the remote, point it to the remote sensor **R** on the unit.



Operating a Sony TV with the remote

You can use the following buttons to operate a Sony TV. These buttons have been marked in orange. To use these buttons, hold down TV before pressing the button you want.

To	Hold down TV and press
Turn the TV on or off	TV I/⏻
Switch the TV's input source between the TV and other input sources	TV/VIDEO
Select the TV channels	TV CH +/- or numeric buttons*
Adjust the volume of the TV speaker(s)	TV VOL +/-

* For double digit number, hold down TV and press -/-, then press the number. (For example, hold down TV, press -/-, then 2 and 5 for entering 25.)

Note

If you do not use the remote for a long period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage and corrosion.

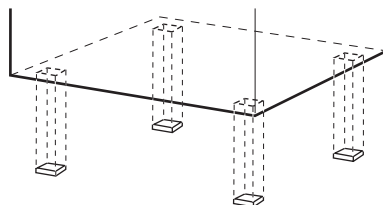
Tip

With normal use, the batteries should last for about six months. When the remote no longer operates the system, replace both batteries with new ones.

Attaching the speaker pads

Attach the supplied speaker pads to the bottom corner of the speakers to stabilize the speakers and to prevent them from slipping.

Example of MHC-GN999D front speaker



When carrying the unit

Do the following procedure to protect the disc mechanism.

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

- 1 Press **I/⏻** to turn on the system.
- 2 Press **DVD**.
- 3 Press **▲ OPEN/CLOSE** to open the disc tray and remove the disc. If there are more than one disc in the disc tray, press **DISC SKIP/EX-CHANGE** to remove the discs.
- 4 Press **▲ OPEN/CLOSE** again to close the disc tray. Wait until "DVD NO DISC" appears in the display.
- 5 Hold down **DVD** and then press **I/⏻** until "STANDBY" appears in the display. Then, "MECHA LOCK" appears in the display.
- 6 Unplug the AC power cord.

Notes

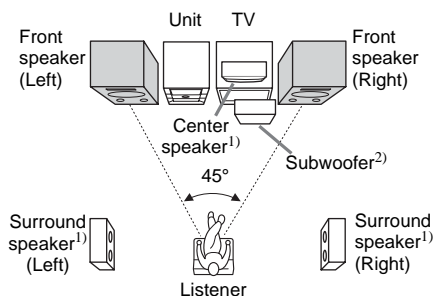
- Do not place the surround speakers on top of a TV. This may cause distortion of the colors in the TV screen.
- If you place the center speaker on the unit, be sure to place it at the front side of the unit.
- Place the subwoofer on solid floor where resonance is unlikely to occur so that a better bass reproduction could be obtained.
- Always place the subwoofer vertically, keeping it a few centimeters away from the wall.
- If the subwoofer is placed in the center of a room, the bass could be extremely weakened. This is due to the influence of the standing wave of the room. If this happens, move the subwoofer away from the center of the room or eliminate the cause of the standing wave, by placing a bookshelf against the wall, etc.

Speaker settings

To enjoy DVD VIDEOS and other discs with multi-channel sound and Dolby surround effects, you need to adjust the speaker settings. For details, see "Setting the speakers" on page 53.

Positioning the speakers

Place the front speakers at an angle of 45 degrees from your listening position.



¹⁾ MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D only.

²⁾ Supplied for MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only.

Setting the clock

- 1 Press **I/⏻** to turn on the system.
- 2 Press **TIMER MENU**.
The hour indication flashes in the display.
- 3 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to set the hour.
- 4 Press **ENTER**.
The minute indication flashes in the display.
- 5 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to set the minute.
- 6 Press **ENTER**.
The clock starts functioning.

To adjust the clock

- 1 Press **TIMER MENU**.
"PLAY SET" flashes in the display.
- 2 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select "CLOCK SET", then press **ENTER**.
The hour indication flashes in the display.
- 3 Do the same procedures as step 3 to 6 above.


Notes

- The clock settings are canceled when you disconnect the power cord or if a power failure occurs.
- You cannot set the clock in Power Saving Mode (page 76).

Before using the system, you can make the minimum basic adjustments (LANGUAGE SETUP, SCREEN SETUP, SPEAKER SETUP*) in QUICK SETUP. After performing QUICK SETUP, the system is ready for playback. To perform further speakers settings, see “Setting the speakers” on page 53.

* Except for MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D.

Note

When there is a disc in the unit or the disc tray is opened, the guide message does not appear on the TV screen. To perform QUICK SETUP, press  OPEN/CLOSE on the unit to remove the disc and press again to close the disc tray.

1 Turn on your TV and select the video input.

2 Press to turn on the system.

Note

Make sure that the headphone or microphone is not connected. Otherwise, you cannot perform SPEAKER SETUP.

3 Press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select “DVD” (or press DVD on the unit).

The guide message appears at the bottom of the TV screen.

4 Press ENTER.

The “LANGUAGE SETUP” display appears on the TV screen.

5 Press or repeatedly to select a language, then press ENTER.

Tips

- The selected language is for “OSD”, “MENU” and “SUBTITLE”.
- The selectable language is different depending on the area.

The setting is selected and the “SCREEN SETUP” display appears on the TV screen.

6 Press .

- 8** (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D only)
Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select the
front speaker distance from your
listening position, then press **ENTER**.

You can set from 1.0 to 7.0 meters.


Repeat this step to adjust the center and
surround speaker distance. The center and
surround speaker distance you can set vary
depending on the front speaker distance
setting.

The setting is selected and “**QUICK
SETUP** is complete.” appears on the
TV screen.

To quit **QUICK SETUP**

Press **⏏** **DISPLAY**.

To change the settings of **QUICK
SETUP**

- 1 Press **⏏** **DISPLAY** when playback is
stopped.
The Control Menu appears on the TV
screen.
- 2 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select 
(**SETUP**), then press **ENTER**.
- 3 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select “**QUICK**”,
then press **ENTER**.
The “**LANGUAGE SETUP**” display appears
on the TV screen.
- 4 Do the same procedures as steps 5 to 8 of
“Performing **QUICK SETUP**”.

Notes

- The guide message appears at the bottom of
the TV screen when you turn on the system
for the first time or after performing “**RESET**” (see
“To return the DVD setup to the default settings*,”
perform reset as follows:” on page 90).
- If you do not want to perform **QUICK SETUP**, press
CLEAR in step 3. The guide message will disappear
from the TV screen.
- If you want to change each setting individually, see
“Using the DVD Setup Menu” on page 49.

Using the **THEATRE SYNC** function

THEATRE SYNC allows you to turn on your
Sony TV and this system, changes the system’s
function to “**DVD**” and then switches the TV’s
input source you have set with just one button.

Preparing for the **THEATRE SYNC** function

Register the TV’s input source connected to this
system.

Hold down **SLEEP and press numeric
buttons, **CLEAR** or **ALBUM +/-** to select the
TV’s input source connected to this
system.**

For details, refer to the following table.

Hold down SLEEP and press	To select the following TV’s input source
0	No input source (Default)
1	VIDEO 1
2	VIDEO 2
3	VIDEO 3
4	VIDEO 4
5	VIDEO 5
6	VIDEO 6
7	VIDEO 7
8	VIDEO 8
9	COMPONENT 1
CLEAR	COMPONENT 2
ALBUM –	COMPONENT 3
ALBUM +	COMPONENT 4

The selected TV’s input source is memorized
into the remote.

Operating the THEATRE SYNC function

Point the remote to the direction of the TV and this unit, then press THEATRE SYNC.

If this function does not work, change the transmission time. The transmission time varies depending on the TV.

To change the transmission time

Hold down ►►I and press numeric buttons to change the transmission time.

For details, refer to the following table.

Hold down ►►I and press	To select the following transmission time
1	0.5 (Default)
2	1
3	1.5
4	2
5	2.5
6	3
7	3.5
8	4

The transmission time from the remote is selected.

Notes

- This function is only available for Sony TV series.
- If distance between the TV and this unit is too far, this function may not work. Install the unit near the TV.
- Keep the remote pointed in the direction of the TV until the TV is turned on and the input source is changed correctly.

Changing the format of the video signal from COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks

(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)

Progressive scan is the method for displaying the TV images which reduces flickering and sharpens the image. To use this method, you need to connect to a TV that can accept progressive signals (page 81).

You can output video signals from COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks in INTERLACE or PROGRESSIVE format. Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

1 Press DVD.

2 Hold down DVD and press DISPLAY repeatedly.

The display changes cyclically as follows:

P AUTO → P VIDEO → INTERLACE

■ P AUTO (PROGRESSIVE AUTO)

Select this when your TV accepts progressive signals and the TV is connected to the COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks. The system automatically detects the software type and selects the appropriate conversion method.

■ P VIDEO (PROGRESSIVE VIDEO)

Select this when your TV accepts progressive signals and the TV is connected to the COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks.

The system fixes the conversion method to PROGRESSIVE VIDEO for video-based software.

Select this if the image is not clear when you select “P AUTO”.

■ INTERLACE

Select this when your TV does not accept progressive signals or your TV is connected to the VIDEO OUT or S VIDEO OUT jack.

About DVD VIDEO software types and the conversion method

The DVD VIDEO software can be divided into 2 types:

- Film-based software
Film-based software is derived from film and displays the images at 24 frames per second.
- Video-based software
Video-based software is derived from TV, such as dramas and sitcoms and displays images at 30 frames or 60 fields per second.

Some DVD VIDEO contains both types of software. In order for these images to appear in your TV naturally when the video output is in progressive format, the progressive signals need to be converted to match your DVD VIDEO software.

Notes

- When you connect your TV to the COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks and play back video-based software in progressive signal format. Some sections of the image may appear unnatural due to the conversion process.
- The image from VIDEO OUT and S VIDEO OUT jacks are always output in INTERLACE format even if you select "P AUTO" or "P VIDEO".
- There would be no image on your TV or the image is not clear if your setting does not match your TV or connection.
- "PROGRE" lights up in the display when you select "P AUTO" or "P VIDEO".

Disc – Playback

Loading a disc

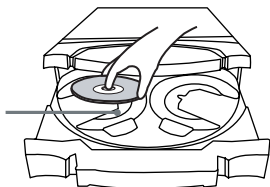
Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

1 Press \blacktriangle OPEN/CLOSE.

The disc tray slides out.

2 Load a disc with the label side facing up on the disc tray.

When you play back an 8 cm disc such as a CD single, place it on the inner circle of the tray



To load additional discs, press DISC SKIP/EX-CHANGE to rotate the disc tray.

3 Press \blacktriangle OPEN/CLOSE to close the disc tray.

Notes

- Do not forcibly push the disc tray to close it as this may cause a malfunction. Press \blacktriangle OPEN/CLOSE to close the disc tray.
- When you eject a disc, handle the disc by its edge. Do not touch the surface of the disc.
- Do not use a disc with tape, seals or paste on it as this may cause malfunction.

Playing a disc

— Normal Play

DVD-V

DVD-VR

VIDEO CD

C D

DATA CD

DATA DVD

Before playing a DVD VIDEO, a DVD-R/ DVD-RW in VR mode, a VIDEO CD, a CD Graphics¹⁾, JPEG image files or DivX video files²⁾, turn on your TV and select the video input.

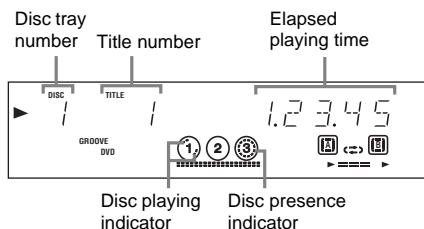
Depending on the DVD VIDEO or VIDEO CD, some operations may be different or restricted. Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the disc.

¹⁾ Latin American models only.

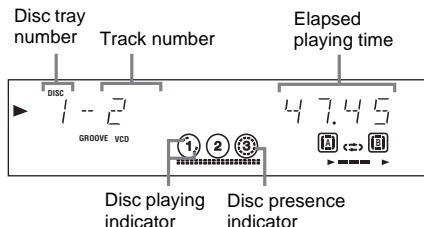
²⁾ MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only.

* Russian model only.

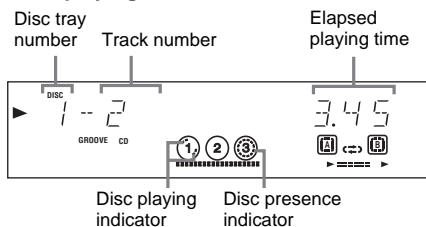
When playing a DVD VIDEO or DVD-R/ DVD-RW in VR mode:



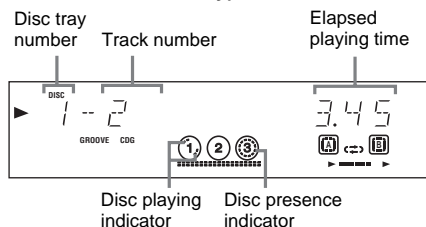
When playing a VIDEO CD (with PBC function is not activated):



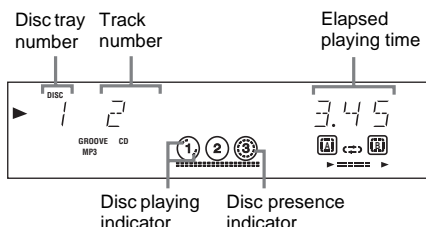
When playing an AUDIO CD:



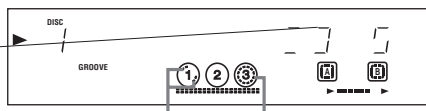
When playing a CD Graphics (Latin American models only):



When playing an MP3 audio track:



When playing a DivX video file (on a DATA DVD)¹⁾:



- 1** Press **FUNCTION +/-** repeatedly to select "DVD" (or press **DVD** on the unit).
 - 2** Press **>** (or **<** on the unit).
 - 3** Press **VOLUME +/-** (or turn **MASTER VOLUME** on the unit) to adjust the volume.
- The volume level appears on the TV screen.

Note

Depending on the system status, the volume level may not appear on the TV screen.

Other operations

¹⁾ MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only).

* Russian model only.

To	Do this
Watch frame by frame (Slow-motion Play) ⁸⁾	Press SLOW ◀◀ or SLOW ▶▶ (or ◀◀ or ▶▶ on the unit) when playback is paused. Each time you press SLOW ◀◀ or SLOW ▶▶ (or ◀◀ or ▶▶ on the unit), the playback speed changes as follows: Playback direction ¹⁰⁾ 2 ▶▶ ↔ 1 ▶▶ Opposite direction ¹⁰⁾¹¹⁾ 2 ◀◀ ↔ 1 ◀◀ To return to normal playback, press ▷ (or ◀▶▶ on the unit).
Play one frame at a time (Freeze Frame) ⁸⁾	Press STEP II▶▶ to go to the next frame when playback is paused. Press ◀◀STEP ¹¹⁾ to go to the preceding frame when playback is paused. To return to normal playback, press ▷ (or ◀▶▶ on the unit).
Replay the previous scene (Instant Replay) ¹¹⁾¹²⁾	Press REPLAY ◀● during playback.
Briefly fast forward the current scene (Instant Advance) ¹¹⁾¹²⁾	Press ADVANCE ●▶ during playback.
Select a disc during playback or when playback is stopped	Press DISC SKIP on the remote (or one of the DISC 1 ~ 3 buttons on the unit).
Switch to DVD function from another source and start playback automatically	Press one of the DISC 1 ~ 3 buttons on the unit (Automatic Source Selection).
Exchange other discs after disc detection	Press DISC SKIP/EX-CHANGE on the unit.
Remove the disc	Press ▲ OPEN/CLOSE on the unit.

- ¹⁾ You cannot select an audio track during Lock Search operation of MP3 audio tracks.
- ²⁾ DVD VIDEO, VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD and DivX video files only.
- ³⁾ MP3 audio tracks, JPEG image files and DivX video files only.
- ⁴⁾ Except for JPEG image files and CD Graphics.
- ⁵⁾ Depending on the disc, the actual speed may differ.

- ⁶⁾ The “x2▶”/“x2◀” playback speed is about twice the normal speed.
The “3▶▶”/“3◀◀” playback speed is faster than “2▶▶”/“2◀◀” and the “2▶▶”/“2◀◀” playback speed is faster than “1▶▶”/“1◀◀”.
- ⁷⁾ DVD VIDEO and AUDIO CD only.
- ⁸⁾ DVD VIDEO, DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode, DivX video files and VIDEO CD only.
- ⁹⁾ DVD VIDEO only.
- ¹⁰⁾ The “2 ▶▶”/“2 ◀◀” playback speed is slower than “1 ▶▶”/“1 ◀◀”.
- ¹¹⁾ DVD VIDEO and DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode only.
- ¹²⁾ You cannot perform this operation when Repeat Play is activated.

Notes

- You cannot search for a still picture on a DVD-R/ DVD-RW in VR mode.
- (Latin American models only)
When playing CD Graphics, the picture may not appear smoothly.

Tips

- The Instant Replay function is useful when you want to review a scene or dialogue that you missed.
- The Instant Advance function is useful when you want to pass over a scene that you do not want to watch.
- You may not be able to use the Instant Replay or Instant Advance function with some scenes.
- If you press DVD on the unit while the system is turned off, the system turns on automatically and “DVD” is selected as the function except during Power Saving Mode.

Resuming playback from the point you stopped the disc

— Resume Play

DVD-V

DVD-VR

VIDEO CD

C D

DATA CD

DATA DVD

This system memorizes the point where you stopped the disc so you can resume playback from that point. Resume Play is not canceled when you turn off the system except for MP3 audio tracks, JPEG image files and DivX video files.

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1 While playing a disc, press ■ to stop playback.

“RESUME” appears in the display. If “RESUME” does not appear, Resume Play is not available.

2 Press ▷ (or ◀▶ on the unit).

The system starts playback from the point you stopped the disc in step 1.

Notes

- You cannot perform Resume Play during Shuffle Play or Program Play.
- This function may not work properly with some discs.
- Depending on where you stopped the disc, the system may not resume playback from the exact same point.
- Resume Play is canceled when you
 - press ■ when playback is stopped.
 - open the disc tray.
 - change the function.
 - change the settings in the Control Menu.
- If “MULTI-DISC RESUME” is set to “ON”, Resume Play is not canceled for DVD VIDEO and VIDEO CD when you open the disc tray or change the function.
- (Latin American models only)
When using the Resume Play function on CD Graphics, playback starts from the beginning of the track.

Tip

To play back from the beginning of the disc, press ■ twice, then press ▷ (or ◀▶ on the unit).

Resuming playback of the disc that has been played back

— Multi-Disc Resume

DVD-V

VIDEO CD

This system can store the point where you stopped the playback of the disc for up to 40 discs and resumes playback when you insert the same disc again. If you store a playback resume point for the 41st disc, the playback resume point for the first disc will be deleted. To activate this function, set “MULTI-DISC RESUME” in “CUSTOM SETUP” to “ON”. For details, see “MULTI-DISC RESUME” on page 53.

Note

If “MULTI-DISC RESUME” in “CUSTOM SETUP” is set to “ON” (page 53) and you play back a recorded disc such as DVD-R, the system may play back other recorded disc from the same playback resume point. To start playback from the beginning of the disc, press ■ twice and then press ▷ (or ◀▶ on the unit).

Creating your own program

— Program Play

VIDEO CD

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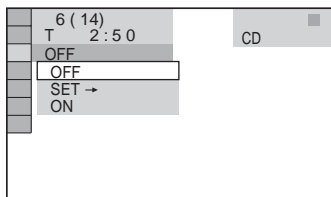
You can make a program of up to 99 steps in the order you want them to be played back. You can only program the tracks from the current disc.

1 Press DISPLAY when playback is stopped.

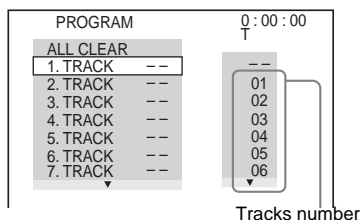
The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

- 2** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select (PROGRAM), then press **ENTER**.

The options for “PROGRAM” appear on the TV screen.

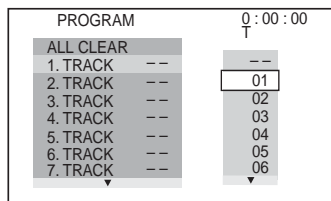


- 3** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select “SET→”, then press **ENTER**.



- 4** Press **→**.

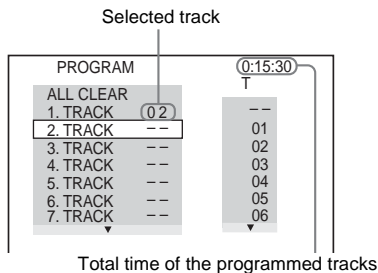
The cursor moves to the track row “T” (in this case, “01”).



- 5** Select the track you want to program.

For example, select track “02”.

Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select “02” under “T”, then press **ENTER**.



- 6** To program other tracks, repeat steps 4 to 5.

- 7** Press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

Program Play starts.

When the Program Play ends, you can restart the same program by pressing **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

To cancel Program Play

Press **CLEAR** or select “OFF” in step 3. To play back the same program again, select “ON” in step 3 and press **ENTER**.

To change a programmed step

- 1** Follow steps 1 to 3 of “Creating your own program”.

- 2** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the programmed step number you want to change. Then, press **→**.

- 3** Follow step 5 of “Creating your own program” to program a new track.

To delete a programmed step

- 1** Follow steps 1 to 3 of “Creating your own program”.

- 2** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the programmed step number you want to delete. Then, press **CLEAR**.
The selected step is deleted. The following steps are shifted up.

To delete all of the programmed steps in the program list

- 1 Follow steps 1 to 3 of “Creating your own program”.
- 2 Press **▲** to select “ALL CLEAR”.
- 3 Press **ENTER**.

To turn off the Control Menu

Press **⏏** **DISPLAY** repeatedly until the Control Menu disappears from the TV screen.

Notes

- When Program Play is activated, the “REPEAT” setting is automatically changed to “ON” if the current setting is “ALL DISCS”, “ONE DISC” or “TRACK”.
- You cannot perform Program Play during playback with PBC function of VIDEO CDs.

Tip

The Program Play is canceled and the program list is cleared when

- you open the disc tray.
- you press **DISC SKIP** (or one of the **DISC 1 ~ 3** buttons on the unit) to select another disc.
- you turn off the system.
- you change the function.
- you perform CD Synchro Recording.

Playing in random order

— Shuffle Play

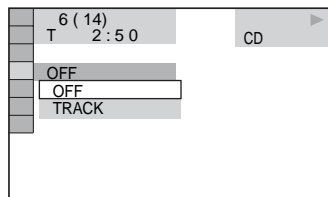


You can play back the tracks on the current disc in random order. Each time you perform Shuffle Play, the playing order may differs.

- 1 Press **⏏** **DISPLAY** during playback.
The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

- 2 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select **(SHUFFLE)**, then press **ENTER**.

The options for “SHUFFLE” appear on the TV screen.



- 3 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select the setting you want.

■ When playing a VIDEO CD or AUDIO CD

- **TRACK**: all tracks on the current disc is played back randomly.

■ When Program Play is activated (see “Creating your own program” on page 26)

- **ON**: all tracks in the program list is played back randomly.

■ When playing a DATA CD (except for DivX video files) or DATA DVD (except for DivX video files)

- **ON**: all MP3 audio tracks in the selected album on the current disc is played back randomly.

When no album is selected, the first album is played back randomly.

- 4 Press **ENTER**

Shuffle Play starts.

“SHUF” lights up in the display.

To cancel Shuffle Play

Press **CLEAR** or select “OFF” in step 3.

To turn off the Control Menu

Press **⏏** **DISPLAY** repeatedly until the Control Menu disappears from the TV screen.

Notes

- Shuffle Play is only available for the tracks on the current disc.
- You cannot perform Shuffle Play during playback with PBC function of VIDEO CDs.
- Shuffle Play is canceled when
 - you open the disc tray.
 - you press DISC SKIP (or one of the DISC 1 ~ 3 buttons on the unit) to select another disc.
 - you turn off the system.
 - you change the function.
 - you perform Track/Index Search.
 - you perform CD Synchro Recording.
- The same song may be played back repeatedly for MP3 audio tracks.

Tip

You can also change the Shuffle Play setting when playback is stopped.

Playing repeatedly

— Repeat Play



You can play back all the titles, tracks, files or a single title, chapter, track or file on a disc repeatedly.

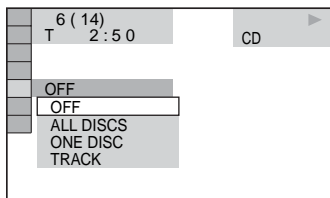
You can also select Shuffle Play or Program Play when Repeat Play is activated.

1 Press DISPLAY during playback.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

2 Press (REPEAT), then press ENTER.

The options for “REPEAT” appear on the TV screen.



3 Press or repeatedly to select the setting you want.

The default setting is underlined.

■ When playing a DVD VIDEO or DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode

- OFF: does not play back repeatedly.
- ALL DISCS: repeats all the titles on all the discs.
- ONE DISC: repeats all the titles on the current disc.
- TITLE: repeats the current title.
- CHAPTER: repeats the current chapter.

■ When playing a VIDEO CD or AUDIO CD

- OFF: does not play back repeatedly.
- ALL DISCS: repeats all the tracks on all the discs.
- ONE DISC: repeats all the tracks on the current disc.
- TRACK: repeats the current track.

■ When playing a DATA CD or DATA DVD

- OFF: does not play back repeatedly.
- ALL DISCS: repeats all the tracks or files on all the discs.
- ONE DISC: repeats all the albums on the current disc.
- ALBUM: repeats the current album.
- TRACK¹⁾: repeats the current track.
- FILE²⁾: repeats the current file.

¹⁾ MP3 audio tracks only.

²⁾ DivX video files only.

■ When Program Play or Shuffle Play is activated

- OFF: does not play back repeatedly.
- ON: repeats the Program Play or Shuffle Play.


4 Press ENTER.

Repeat Play starts.

To cancel Repeat Play

Press **CLEAR** or select “OFF” in step 3.

To turn off the Control Menu

Press  **DISPLAY** repeatedly until the Control Menu disappears from the TV screen.

Notes

- You can also change the Repeat Play setting by pressing **REPEAT** repeatedly.
- “REP” lights up in the display when Repeat Play is set to “ALL DISCS”, “ONE DISC”, “ALBUM” or “ON”.
- “REP1” lights up in the display when Repeat Play is set to “TITLE”, “CHAPTER”, “TRACK” or “FILE”.
- Depending on the DVD VIDEO, you cannot perform Repeat Play.
- You cannot perform Repeat Play during playback with PBC function of VIDEO CDs.
- When playing a DATA CD or DATA DVD which contains MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files, the audio sound will not match the image if their playing time are different.
- You cannot select “TRACK” when “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “IMAGE (JPEG)” (page 36).
- Repeat Play is canceled when
 - you open the disc tray.
 - you press **DISC SKIP** (or one of the **DISC 1 ~ 3** buttons on the unit) to select another disc (unless Repeat Play is set to “ALL DISCS”).
 - you turn off the system.
 - you change the function (unless Repeat Play is set to “ALL DISCS”).
 - you perform CD Synchro Recording.

Tip

You can also change the Repeat Play setting when playback is stopped.

Playing DVD VIDEOS using the menu

DVD-V

Some DVD VIDEOS have menus to help you enjoy the DVD VIDEOS. You can play back DVD VIDEOS using these menus on the TV screen.

Using TOP MENU

A DVD VIDEO contains a lot of sections of picture or music feature called “title”. When you play back a DVD VIDEO which contains several titles, you can select the title you want using **TOP MENU**.

Using MENU

Some DVD VIDEOS allow you to select the disc contents using a menu. When you play back these DVD VIDEOS, you can select items such as the language for the subtitles and the language for the sound using **MENU**.

1 Press TOP MENU or MENU.

The menu appears on the TV screen. The contents of the menu vary depending on the disc.

2 Press /// or the numeric buttons to select the title or item you want to play back.

3 Press ENTER.




Selecting “ORIGINAL” or “PLAY LIST” on a DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode

DVD-VR

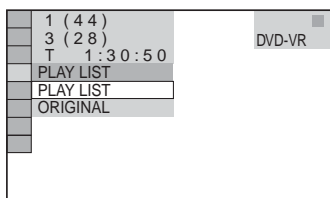
You can play back DVD-Rs/DVD-RWs in VR mode either according to the originally recorded sequence or to the playlist created on the disc. This function is only available for DVD-Rs/DVD-RWs in VR mode with a playlist created.



- 1 Press  **DISPLAY** when playback is stopped.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

- 2 Press  or  repeatedly to select  (ORIGINAL/PLAY LIST), then press **ENTER**.

The options for “ORIGINAL/PLAY LIST” appear on the TV screen.



- 3 Press  or  repeatedly to select the setting you want.

- **PLAY LIST:** play back according to the playlist created on the disc.
- **ORIGINAL:** play back according to the originally recorded sequence.

- 4 Press **ENTER**.

Playing VIDEO CDs with PBC functions (Version 2.0)

— PBC Playback

VIDEO CD

You can use the PBC (Playback Control) menus on your TV screen to enjoy the disc’s interactive software. The menu format and structure may differ depending on each disc.

- 1 Press  (or  on the unit) to start playing a VIDEO CD with PBC functions (Version 2.0).

The PBC menu appears on the TV screen.

- 2 Press the numeric buttons to select the item number you want.

- 3 Press **ENTER**.



- 4 Continue playback according to the instructions on the menus to enjoy interactive playback.

Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the VIDEO CD, as the operating procedure may differ depending on the VIDEO CD.

To return to the previous menu

Press  **RETURN**.

Notes

- Depending on the VIDEO CD, the menu may not appear in step 1.
- Depending on the VIDEO CD, “Press ENTER” in step 3 may appear as “Press SELECT” in the operating instructions supplied with the disc. In this case, press  (or  on the unit).
- PBC Playback is canceled when Shuffle Play, Program Play or Repeat Play is activated.

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To cancel playback with PBC functions

1 Press **I◀◀** or **▶▶I** repeatedly (or turn **I◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶I** on the unit clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly) or press the numeric buttons to select a track when playback is stopped.

2 Press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit) or **ENTER**.

“Play without PBC.” appears on the TV screen and playback starts from the selected track. Still images, such as the menu screens, will not be shown.

To return to PBC playback, press **■** twice, then press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

About MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files

DATA CD DATA DVD

MP3 is an audio compression technology that satisfies the ISO/MPEG regulations. JPEG is an image compression technology.

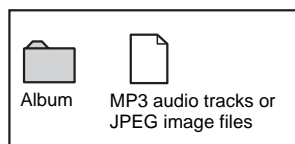
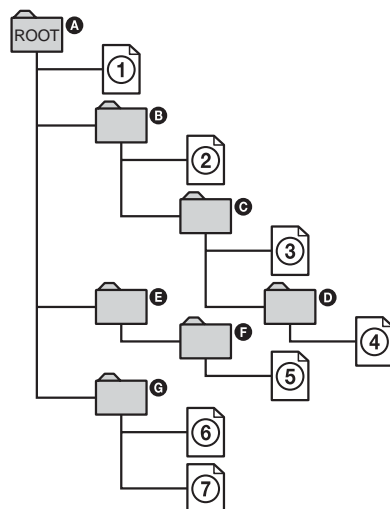
For details on MP3 audio tracks or JPEG image files that the system can play back, see “Notes on discs” (page 6) and “Notes on Multi Session disc” (page 8).

Playback order of MP3 audio tracks or JPEG image files

The playback order of MP3 audio tracks or JPEG image files recorded on a DATA CD or DATA DVD is as follows:

■ Structure of disc contents

Tree 1 Tree 2 Tree 3 Tree 4 Tree 5



When you insert a DATA CD or DATA DVD and press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit), the tracks (or files) are played back sequentially, from ① through ⑦. The files or tracks of the sub-albums in the selected album take priority over the next album in the same tree. (Example: **C** contains **D** so ④ is played back before ⑤.)

When you press **MENU** and the list of album names appears (page 34), the album names are arranged in the following order:

A → B → C → D → F → G. Albums that do not contain tracks (or files) (such as album **E**) do not appear in the list.

Notes

- Depending on the software you use to create the DATA CD or DATA DVD, the playback order may differ from the illustration above.
- The playback order above may not be applicable if there are more than 200 albums and 300 tracks/files in each album.
- The system can recognize up to 200 albums including albums that do not contain MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files. The system will not play back any albums beyond the 200th album.
- The maximum number of MP3 audio tracks or JPEG image files on an album which this system can recognize is:
 - 600 when “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “AUDIO (MP3)” or “IMAGE (JPEG)”.
 - 300 when “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “AUTO”.
- The system may take a longer time to start playback, when the tracks or files in another album has just been played back.
- An album that does not contain an MP3 audio track or JPEG image file is skipped.
- The system will play back any data with the extension “.MP3”, “.JPG” or “.JPEG” even if they are not in MP3 or JPEG format. Playing this data may generate a loud noise which could damage your speaker system.
- Depending on the encoding/writing software, recording device, or the recording media used to record an MP3 audio track, you may encounter problems such as cannot play back, sound interruptions and noise.
- The following discs take a longer time to start playback:
 - a disc recorded with complicated tree structure.
 - a disc recorded in Multi Session.
 - a disc to which data can be added (non finalized disc).
- When playing a DATA CD or DATA DVD containing both MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files, select “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” from the Control Menu after the disc’s TOC reading is complete. If you want to play back
 - both MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files, set “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” to “AUTO”.
 - MP3 audio tracks only, set “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” to “AUDIO (MP3)”.
 - JPEG image files only, set “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” to “IMAGE (JPEG)”.
- The system can play back to a depth of 8 folders only.

Tips

- If you add numbers (01, 02, 03, etc.) to the front of the track or file names when you store the tracks or files in a disc, the tracks and files will be played back in that order.
- Since a disc with many trees takes a longer time to start playback, it is recommended that you create albums with no more than two trees.

Playing DATA CDs or DATA DVDs with MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files

DATA CD

DATA DVD

Playing an album of MP3 audio tracks or an MP3 audio track

1 Load a DATA CD or DATA DVD with MP3 audio tracks on the disc tray.

The list of albums appears on the TV screen.



2 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the album you want.

■ If you want to play back the album
Press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

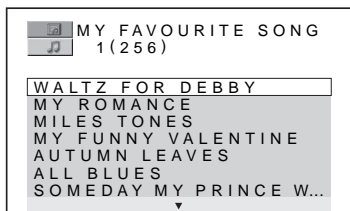
The system starts playback from the first track of the selected album.

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■ If you want to play back an MP3 audio track

① Press ENTER.

The list of MP3 audio tracks of the selected album appears on the TV screen.



② Press ▲ or ▼ repeatedly to select the MP3 audio track you want, then press ENTER.

The system starts playback from the selected MP3 audio track.

To stop playback

Press ■.

To display the next or previous page of track list or album list

Press ◀ or ▶ repeatedly when the track list or album list is displayed.

To play back the next or previous MP3 audio track

Press ◀◀ or ▶▶ repeatedly (or turn ◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶ on the unit clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly) during playback.

To play back the next album of MP3 audio tracks

You can select the next album by pressing ▶▶ repeatedly (or turning ◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶ on the unit clockwise repeatedly) until the last track of the current album, then press ▶▶ once (or turn ◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶ on the unit clockwise). The first track of the next album is selected. However, you cannot select the previous album by pressing ◀◀ repeatedly (or turning ◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶ on the unit counterclockwise repeatedly). To select the previous album, select the album from the album list.

To return to the album list display when the track list is displayed

Press ⏮ RETURN.

To turn on or off the display of album list or track list

Press MENU repeatedly.

Notes

- You can view the disc information while playing MP3 audio tracks (page 77).
- You can select Repeat Play while playing MP3 audio tracks (page 29).
- You can press AUDIO to select the audio signal you want while playing an MP3 audio track (page 43).

Playing an album of JPEG image files or a JPEG image file

1 Load a DATA CD or DATA DVD with JPEG image files on the disc tray.

The list of albums appears on the TV screen.

2 Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select the album you want.

■ If you want to play back the album

Press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

The system starts a slide show from the first image file of the selected album.

■ If you want to play back a JPEG image file

① Press PICTURE NAVI.

Thumbnail picture for the first 16 JPEG image files in the selected album is displayed on the TV screen.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16

If there are more than 16 image files

The scroll bar appears at the right.

Press **▼** repeatedly until the bottom row of the thumbnail picture, then press **▼**. The next 16 image files display on the TV screen.

To return to previous 16 thumbnail picture

Press **▲** repeatedly until the top row of the thumbnail picture, then press **▲**.

② Press **▲/▼/◀/▶** to select the image you want to view, then press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

The slide show starts from the selected image file.



To display the next or previous page of album list

Press **◀** or **▶** repeatedly when the album list is displayed.

To display the next or previous JPEG image file

Press **◀** or **▶** repeatedly during the slide show.

To play back the next album of JPEG image files

You can select the next album by pressing **▶** repeatedly until the last file of the current album, then press **▶** once. The first file of the next album is selected. However, you cannot select the previous album by pressing **◀** repeatedly. To select the previous album, select the album from the album list.

To turn on or off the display of album list

Press MENU repeatedly.

To rotate a JPEG image file

When a JPEG image file is displayed on the TV screen, you can rotate the image by 90 degrees. Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly while viewing an image. Each time you press **▲**, the image rotates counterclockwise by 90 degrees and vice versa.

Example: When you press **▲** once

Press CLEAR to return to the original view.

To stop playback

Press **■**.

Notes

- The PICTURE NAVI button does not work when “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “AUDIO (MP3)”.
- When you press ◀ or ▶ to select the next or previous image, the image will return to its original view even if you have rotated the image previously.
- The slide show pauses when you press ▲ or ▼.
- You can view the disc information while playing JPEG image files (page 77).
- You can select Repeat Play while playing JPEG image files (page 29).

Tip

You can also change the slide show speed (page 37) and effect (page 37) while playing JPEG image files.

Playing MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files as a slide show with sound

DATA CD **DATA DVD**

You can play back a slide show with sound by first placing both JPEG image files and MP3 audio tracks in the same album on a DATA CD or DATA DVD.

1 Load a DATA CD or DATA DVD on the disc tray.

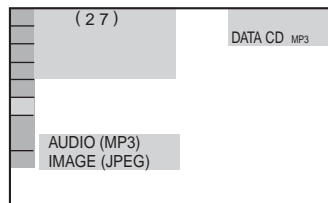
The list of albums appears on the TV screen.

2 Press DISPLAY.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

3 Press ▲ or ▼ repeatedly to select (MODE (MP3, JPEG)), then press ENTER.

The options for “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” appear on the TV screen.



The default setting is underlined.

- AUTO: play back both JPEG image files and MP3 audio tracks in the same album as a slide show with sound.
- AUDIO (MP3): play back MP3 audio tracks continuously.
- IMAGE (JPEG): play back JPEG image files as a slide show.

4 Press ▲ or ▼ repeatedly to select “AUTO”, then press ENTER.

5 Press MENU.

The list of albums appears on the TV screen.

6 Press ▲ or ▼ repeatedly to select the album you want, then press (or ◀▶ on the unit).

The slide show with sound starts from the selected album.

To stop playback

Press .

To turn on or off the display of album list

Press MENU repeatedly.

To cancel slide show with sound

Select “AUDIO (MP3)” or “IMAGE (JPEG)” in step 4.

Notes

- In some cases, you cannot change the “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” setting when “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” has been set to
 - “IMAGE (JPEG)” and the selected disc only contains MP3 audio tracks.
 - “AUDIO (MP3)” and the selected disc only contains JPEG image files.
- You cannot play back JPEG image files and MP3 audio tracks at the same time if they are not contained in the same album.
- When the playback duration of the JPEG image files is longer than the MP3 audio tracks, the slide show continues without sound.
- When the playback duration of MP3 audio tracks is longer than the JPEG image files, the MP3 audio tracks are played back without the slide show.
- If there are no MP3 audio tracks in the DATA CD or DATA DVD and “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “AUDIO (MP3)”, “No audio data” appears on the TV screen and the disc cannot be played back.
- If there are no JPEG image files in the DATA CD or DATA DVD and “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “IMAGE (JPEG)”, “No image data” appears on the TV screen and the disc cannot be played back.
- If you play back MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files with large data size at the same time, the sound may skip. It is recommended that you reduce the data size by creating the MP3 audio tracks with a bit rate of 128 kbps or lower. If the skipping sound still occurs, reduce the data size of JPEG image files by creating the JPEG image files in smaller size or lower resolution.


Tips

- You can also change the slide show speed (page 37) and effect (page 37) while playing JPEG image files.
- If you want to play back a slide show to the same audio track, set the track to Repeat Play (page 29).

Specifying the slide show speed

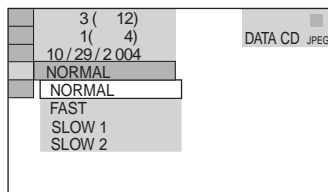
(JPEG image files only)



When you play back JPEG image files as slide show, you can specify the duration for an image to appear on the TV screen.

- 1** Press  **DISPLAY** repeatedly until the Control Menu for JPEG image files appears on the TV screen.

- 2** Press  or  repeatedly to select **(INTERVAL)**, then press **ENTER**.

The options for “INTERVAL” appear on the TV screen.



- 3** Press  or  repeatedly to select the setting you want.

The default setting is underlined.

- NORMAL: Sets the duration to about 6 to 9 seconds (Images that are 4,000,000 pixels or more will lengthen the duration).
- FAST: Sets the duration shorter than NORMAL.
- SLOW 1: Sets the duration longer than NORMAL.
- SLOW 2: Sets the duration longer than SLOW 1.

- 4** Press **ENTER**.

The selected setting takes effect.


Note

Some JPEG image files (especially progressive JPEG image files or JPEG image files with 3,000,000 pixels or more) may take a longer time to display than others, which may make the duration seems longer than the option you selected.

Selecting a transition effect for image files in the slide show

(JPEG image files only)

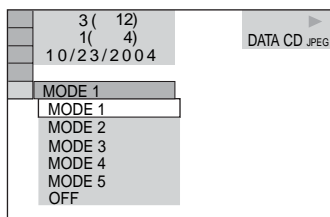
When you play back JPEG image files, you can select the transition effect to be used when viewing the slide show.

- 1** Press  **DISPLAY** repeatedly until the Control Menu for JPEG image files appears on the TV screen.

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2 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select (EFFECT), then press ENTER.

The options for “EFFECT” appear on the TV screen.



3 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the setting you want.

The default setting is underlined.

- MODE 1: The image sweeps in from top to bottom of the screen.
- MODE 2: The image sweeps in from left to right of the screen.
- MODE 3: The image stretches out from the center of the screen.
- MODE 4: The image changes with MODE 1, MODE 2, MODE 3 and other transition effects randomly.
- MODE 5: The next image slides over the current image.
- OFF: Turns off this function.

4 Press ENTER.

The selected setting takes effect.

Enjoying DivX® video files

DATA CD **DATA DVD**

(MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only)

* Russian model only.

DivX® is a video file compression technology, developed by DivX, Inc. This product is an official DivX® Certified product.

For details on DivX video files that the system can play back, see “Notes on discs” (page 6) and “Notes on Multi Session disc” (page 8).

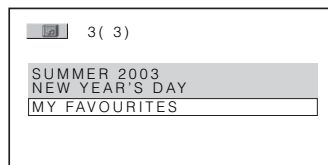
Notes

- The system may not play back a DivX video file when the file has been combined from two or more DivX video files.
- The system cannot play back a DivX video file size of more than 720 (width) x 576 (height)/2GB.
- Depending on the DivX video file, the picture may be unclear or the sound may skip.
- The system cannot play back some DivX video files that are longer than 3 hours.

Playing an album of DivX video files or a DivX video file

1 Load a DATA CD or DATA DVD with DivX video files on the disc tray.

The list of the albums appears on the TV screen.



2 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the album you want.

■ If you want to play back the album

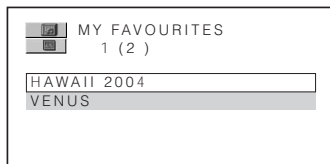
Press **▶** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

The system starts playback the first DivX video file of the selected album.

■ If you want to play back a DivX video file

① Press ENTER.

The list of files of the selected album appears on the TV screen.



② Press **▲** or **▼** repeatedly to select the file you want, then press ENTER.

The system starts playback from the selected file.

To stop playback

Press **■**.

To display the next or previous page of file list or album list

Press **◀** or **▶** repeatedly when the file list or album list is displayed.

To play back the next or previous DivX video file

Press **◀◀** or **▶▶** repeatedly (or turn **◀◀** OPERATION DIAL **▶▶** on the unit clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly) during playback.

To play back the next album of DivX video files

You can select the next album by pressing **▶▶** repeatedly (or turning **◀◀** OPERATION DIAL **▶▶** on the unit clockwise repeatedly) until the last file of the current album, then press **▶▶** once (or turn **◀◀** OPERATION DIAL **▶▶** on the unit clockwise). The first file of the next album is selected. However, you cannot select the previous album by pressing **◀◀** repeatedly (or turning **◀◀** OPERATION DIAL **▶▶** on the unit counterclockwise repeatedly). To select the previous album, select the album from the album list.

To return to the album list display when the file list is displayed

Press **↶** RETURN.

To turn on or off the display of album list or file list

Press MENU repeatedly.

Notes

- Depending on the DivX video file, the picture may pause or be unclear. In this case, it is recommended that you create the file at a lower bit rate. If the sound is still noisy, MP3 is the recommended audio format. Note that, this system does not conform to WMA (Windows Media Audio) format.
- Due to the compression technology used for DivX video files, it may take some time after you press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit) for the picture to appear.
- Depending on the DivX video file, the sound may not match the pictures on the TV screen.

Tips

- You can view the disc information while playing a DivX video file (page 77).
- If the number of viewing times has been preset, you can play back the DivX video files as many times as the preset number. The following occurrences are counted:
 - when the system is turned off.
 - when another DivX video file is played back.

Using the on-screen display to search for a title/chapter/scene/track/index/album/file



You can use the Control Menu on the TV screen to search the following items.

For	You can search
DVD VIDEO	Title or chapter
DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode	Title or chapter
VIDEO CD	Track, scene or index
MP3 audio tracks	Track or album
JPEG image files	Album or file
DivX video files	Album or file

As titles, tracks, albums, chapters, indexes, scenes and files are assigned unique numbers on the disc, you can select the item you want by entering its number.

You can also search for a particular point using the time code (Time Search) (DVD VIDEO and DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode only).

1 Press **DISPLAY**. (When playing a DATA CD or DATA DVD with JPEG image files, press **DISPLAY** twice.)

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

2 Press or repeatedly to select the search item.

■ When playing a DVD VIDEO or DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode



■ When playing a VIDEO CD (with PBC function is not activated)



■ When playing a VIDEO CD or Super VCD (with PBC function is activated)



■ When playing an AUDIO CD



■ When playing a DATA CD or DATA DVD (MP3 audio track)



■ When playing a DATA CD or DATA DVD (JPEG image file)

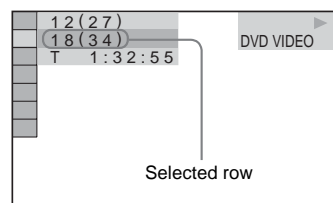


■ When playing a DATA CD or DATA DVD (DivX video file)



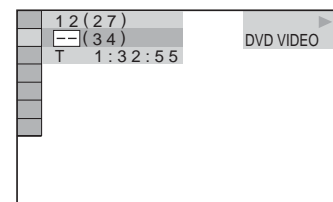
Example: when you select (CHAPTER)

“** (**)” is selected (** refers to a number). The number in parentheses indicates the total number of titles, chapters, tracks, indexes, scenes, albums or files.



3 Press **ENTER**.

“** (**)” change to “-- (**)”.



4 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly or the numeric buttons to select the title, chapter, track, index, scene, album or file number you want to search.

If you make a mistake, press **CLEAR** to cancel the number, then select another number.

5 Press **ENTER**.

The system starts playback from the selected title, chapter, track, index, scene, album or file.

To turn off the Control Menu

Press **DISPLAY** repeatedly until the Control Menu disappears from the TV screen.

To search for a particular point using the time code

— Time Search

DVD-V

DVD-VR

1 Press **DISPLAY**.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

2 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select **(TIME/TEXT)**.

“T **: **: **” (elapsed playing time of the current title) is selected.

3 Press **ENTER**.

“T **: **: **” changes to “T--:--:--”.

4 Input the time code using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.

For example, to find the scene at 2 hours, 10 minutes, and 20 seconds after the beginning, enter “2:10:20”.

If you make a mistake, press **CLEAR** to cancel the number, then select another number.

Note

Depending on the disc, you cannot perform Time Search.

Tips

- When the Control Menu display is turned off, you can search for a chapter (DVD VIDEO and DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode), track (AUDIO CD and VIDEO CD) or file¹⁾ (DivX video files in DATA CD and DATA DVD) by pressing the numeric buttons and **ENTER**.
- You can change the display to show elapsed playing time or remaining time. For details, see “Checking the elapsed playing time, remaining time and titles” on page 77.

¹⁾ MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only.

* Russian model only.

Searching by scene

— Picture Navigation

DVD-V

VIDEO CD

You can view the first scene of each chapter (DVD VIDEO), each title (DVD VIDEO) or each track (VIDEO CD and Super VCD) so that you can find the chapter, title or track you want quickly.

1 For DVD VIDEO, press **PICTURE NAVI** repeatedly to select “**CHAPTER VIEWER**” or “**TITLE VIEWER**”. For VIDEO CD and Super VCD, press **PICTURE NAVI** to select “**TRACK VIEWER**”.

- **CHAPTER VIEWER** (DVD VIDEO only): displays the first scene of each chapter.
- **TITLE VIEWER** (DVD VIDEO only): displays the first scene of each title.
- **TRACK VIEWER** (VIDEO CD and Super VCD only): displays the first scene of each track.

2 Press ENTER.

The first scene of the first 9 chapters, titles or tracks appears on the TV screen as follows:

1	2	3	▼
4	5	6	
7	8	9	

If there are more than 9 chapters, titles or tracks

“▼” appears at the bottom right of the screen.

Press ▼ repeatedly to select a scene at the bottom row, then press ▼.

The next 9 chapters, titles or tracks display on the TV screen.

To return to previous scene

Press ▲ repeatedly to select a scene at the top row, then press ▲.

3 Press ▲/▼/◀/▶ to select a chapter, title or track, then press ENTER.

The system starts playback from the selected scene.

To cancel searching

Press ⏮ RETURN or ⏻ DISPLAY.

Notes

- Depending on the disc, you may not be able to select some items.
- During Picture Navigation, “VIEWER” appears in the display.

Disc – Various Functions

Selecting the audio format

DVD-V

DVD-VR

VIDEO CD

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DATA CD

DATA DVD

When playing a DVD VIDEO or a DivX video file recorded in multiple audio formats, you can select the audio format you want. If the DVD VIDEO is recorded with multilingual tracks, you can also change the language.

When playing a VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD or MP3 audio tracks, you can select the sound from the right or left channel and listen to the sound of the selected channel through both the right and left speakers. For example, when playing a track with the vocals on the right channel and the instruments on the left channel, you can hear the instruments from both speakers by selecting the left channel.

Press AUDIO repeatedly during playback to select the audio format you want.

The default setting is underlined.

■ When playing a DVD VIDEO

Depending on the DVD VIDEO, the option of language and audio format varies.

When a 4-digit number is displayed, they represent a language code (see “Language code list” on page 99). When the same language is displayed two or more times, the DVD VIDEO is recorded in multiple audio formats.

■ When playing a DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode

The number of audio tracks recorded on a disc are displayed.

Example:

- 1: MAIN: the main sound of the audio track 1.
- 1: SUB: the sub sound of the audio track 1.
- 1: MAIN+SUB: the main and sub sound of the audio track 1.
- 2: MAIN: the main sound of the audio track 2.
- 2: SUB: the sub sound of the audio track 2.
- 2: MAIN+SUB: the main and sub sound of the audio track 2.

■ When playing a DivX video file

The options for audio format differ depending on the DivX video files.

■ When playing a VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD, or MP3 audio track

- STEREO: the stereo sound.
- 1/L: the sound of the left channel (monaural).
- 2/R: the sound of the right channel (monaural).

■ When playing a Super VCD

- 1: STEREO: the stereo sound of the audio track 1.
- 1: 1/L: the sound of the left channel of the audio track 1 (monaural).
- 1: 2/R: the sound of the right channel of the audio track 1 (monaural).
- 2: STEREO: the stereo sound of the audio track 2.
- 2: 1/L: the sound of the left channel of the audio track 2 (monaural).
- 2: 2/R: the sound of the right channel of the audio track 2 (monaural).

Notes

- While playing a DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode on which only one audio stream is recorded, “2: MAIN”, “2: SUB” and “2: MAIN+SUB” do not appear.
- While playing a Super VCD on which the audio track 2 is not recorded, no sound will come out when you select “2: STEREO”, “2: 1/L”, or “2: 2/R”.
- You cannot change the sound for DVD VIDEOS or DivX video files that are not recorded in multiple audio format.
- When you play back DVD VIDEOS, the sound may change automatically.

Displaying the audio information of the disc

(DVD VIDEO and DivX video files only)

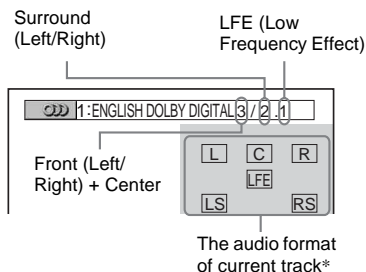
When you press AUDIO repeatedly during playback, the format of the current audio signal is displayed on the TV screen.

■ When playing a DVD VIDEO

For example, in Dolby Digital format, multiple signals ranging from monaural to 5.1 channel signals can be recorded on a DVD VIDEO.

continued

Depending on the DVD VIDEO, the number of recorded channels may differ.



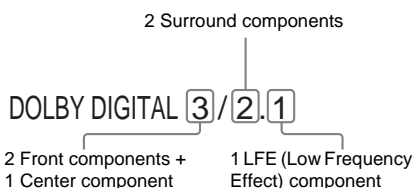
* This information appears for MHC-GN999D/
MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D only.

The symbols shown on the TV screen represent the audio channels which are output from different speakers.

- L: Front Left
- R: Front Right
- C: Center
- LS: Surround Left
- RS: Surround Right
- S: Surround signal which is produced from Dolby Surround Sound processing or monaural surround audio signal.
- LFE: Low Frequency Effect

Example:

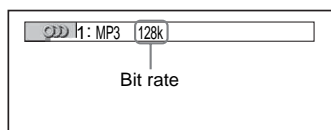
For Dolby Digital 5.1 channel:



■ When playing a DivX video file

Example:

MP3 audio track



Changing the angles

DVD-V

You can change the viewing angle while playing a DVD VIDEO on which various angles (multi-angles) for a scene are recorded.

For example, while playing a scene of a train in motion, you can display the view from the front of the train, the left window of the train, or from the right window without having the train's movement interrupted.

Press ANGLE repeatedly during playback.

Each time you press ANGLE, the angle changes.

Note

Depending on the DVD VIDEO, you may not be able to change the angle, even if multi-angles are recorded on the DVD VIDEO.

Displaying the subtitles

DVD-V

DVD-VR

DATA CD

DATA DVD

You can turn the subtitles on or off while playing a DVD VIDEO, DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode or DivX video files on which subtitles are recorded.

You can also change the language of the subtitles with DVD VIDEO, DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode or DivX video files on which multilingual subtitles are recorded. For example, you can select the language you want and turn the subtitles on for better understanding.

Press SUBTITLE repeatedly during playback.

Each time you press SUBTITLE, the subtitle language changes or turns off.

Notes

- Depending on the DVD VIDEO, you may not be able to change the subtitles even if multilingual subtitles are recorded on the DVD VIDEO. You also may not be able to turn the subtitles off.
- You can change the subtitles if the DivX video file has an ".AVI" or ".DivX" extension and contains subtitle information within the same file.

Adjusting the delay between the picture and sound

— A/V SYNC

DVD-V DVD-VR VIDEO CD DATA CD DATA DVD

When the sound does not synchronize with the pictures on the screen, you can adjust the delay between the picture and sound.

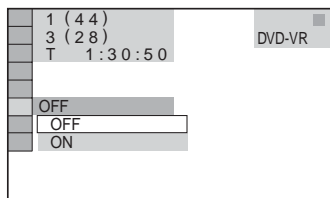
A/V SYNC does not work for MP3 audio tracks and JPEG image files in DATA CD or DATA DVD.

1 Press DISPLAY when playback is stopped.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

2 Press or repeatedly to select (A/V SYNC), then press ENTER.

The options for “A/V SYNC” appear on the TV screen.



3 Press or repeatedly to select the setting you want.

The default setting is underlined.

- OFF: does not adjust.
- ON: adjusts the difference between picture and sound.

4 Press ENTER.

Note

Depending on the input stream, this function may not be effective.

Restricting playback of the disc

— CUSTOM PARENTAL CONTROL, PARENTAL CONTROL

DVD-V VIDEO CD C D

You can set 2 kinds of playback restrictions for the disc you want.

• Custom Parental Control

You can set playback restrictions so that the system will not play back inappropriate discs.

• Parental Control

You can limit the playback of some DVD VIDEOS according to a predetermined level such as the age of the users. When a limited scene is played back, that scene may be skipped or replaced with different scenes.


The same password is used for both Custom Parental Control and Parental Control.

Preventing playback of specific discs

— CUSTOM PARENTAL CONTROL

You can set the same Custom Parental Control password for up to 40 discs. When you set the 41st-disc, the playback restriction for the first disc is canceled.

1 Insert the disc you want to set the playback restriction.

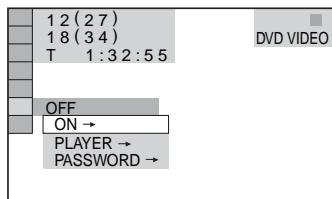
If the disc is playing, press  to stop playback.

2 Press DISPLAY when playback is stopped.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

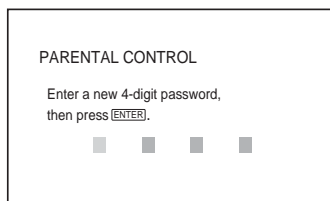
- 3** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select **PARENTAL CONTROL**, then press **ENTER**.

The options for “PARENTAL CONTROL” appear on the TV screen.



- 4** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select **“ON →”**, then press **ENTER**.

■ **If you have not entered a password**
The display for registering a new password appears on the TV screen.

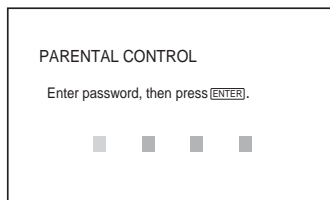


Enter a 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.

The display for confirming the password appears on the TV screen.

■ **When you have already registered a password**

The display for entering the password appears on the TV screen.



- 5** Enter or re-enter your 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.

“Custom parental control is set.” appears on the TV screen and the screen returns to the Control Menu.

If you make a mistake entering your password

Press **←** repeatedly to delete the number you have entered, then re-enter your password again.

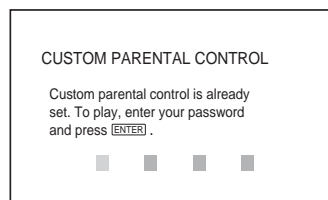
To turn off the Custom Parental Control function

- 1 Follow steps 1 through 3 of “Preventing playback of specific discs” (page 45).
- 2 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select **“OFF →”**, then press **ENTER**.
- 3 Enter your 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.

To play back a disc for which Custom Parental Control is set

- 1 Insert the disc for which Custom Parental Control is set.

The “CUSTOM PARENTAL CONTROL” display appears on the TV screen.



- 2 Enter your 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.

The system is ready for playback.

Tip

If you forget your password, enter the 6-digit number “199703” using the numeric buttons when the “CUSTOM PARENTAL CONTROL” display prompts you for password, then press **ENTER**. The display will prompt you to enter a new 4-digit password.

Limiting playback for children




— PARENTAL CONTROL

(DVD VIDEO only)

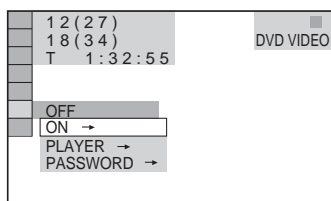
The “PARENTAL CONTROL” function allows you to set a playback limitation level.



- 1 Press  DISPLAY when playback is stopped.**

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

- 2 Press  or  repeatedly to select  (PARENTAL CONTROL), then press ENTER.**

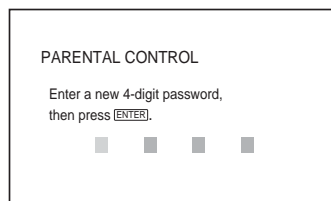
The options for “PARENTAL CONTROL” appear on the TV screen.



- 3 Press  or  repeatedly to select “PLAYER →”, then press ENTER.**

■ If you have not entered a password

The display for registering a new password appears on the TV screen.

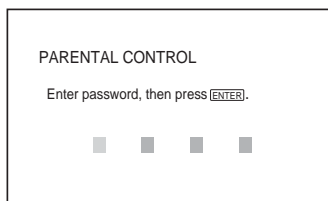


Enter a 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press ENTER.


The display for confirming the password appears on the TV screen.

■ When you have already registered a password

The display for entering the password appears on the TV screen.

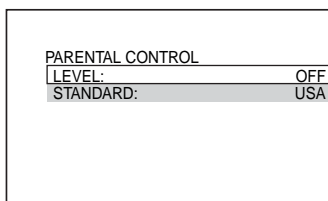




If you make a mistake entering your password

Press  repeatedly to delete the number you have entered, then re-enter your password again.

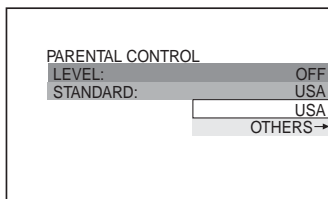
- 4 Enter or re-enter your 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press ENTER.**

The display for setting the playback limitation level appears on the TV screen.



- 5 Press  or  repeatedly to select “STANDARD”, then press ENTER.**

The options for “STANDARD” appear on the TV screen.



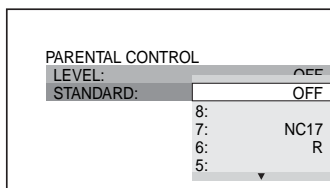
6 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select a geographic area as the playback limitation level, then press **ENTER**.

The area is selected.

When you select “OTHERS →”, enter the area code for the geographic area you want according to the “Parental Control Area Code List” on page 48 by using the numeric buttons.

7 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select “LEVEL”, then press **ENTER**.

The options for “LEVEL” appear on the TV screen.



8 Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the level you want, then press **ENTER**.

Parental Control setting is completed.

The lower the value, the stricter the limitation.

To turn off the Parental Control function

Set “LEVEL” to “OFF” in Step 8.

To play back a disc for which Parental Control is set

1 Insert the disc and press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit).

The display for entering your password appears on the TV screen.

2 Enter your 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.

The system starts playback.

Notes

- The Control Menu display will show different items depending on the disc type.
- When you play back DVD VIDEOS which do not have the Parental Control function, playback cannot be limited on this system.
- Depending on the DVD VIDEO, you may be asked to change the Parental Control level while playing the disc. In this case, enter your password, then change the level. If Resume Play is canceled, the level returns to the original level.







Tip

If you forget your password, remove the disc and repeat steps 1 to 3 of “Limiting playback for children” (page 47). When you are prompt to enter your password, enter “199703” using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**. The display will prompt you to enter a new 4-digit password. After you enter a new 4-digit password, reload the disc and press **▷** (or **◀▶** on the unit). When the display for entering your password appears, enter your new password.


Parental Control Area Code List

Area	Code number	Area	Code number
Argentina	2044	Mexico	2362
Australia	2047	Netherlands	2376
Austria	2046	New Zealand	2390
Belgium	2057	Norway	2379
Brazil	2070	Pakistan	2427
Canada	2079	Philippines	2424
Chile	2090	Portugal	2436
China	2092	Russia	2489
Denmark	2115	Singapore	2501
Finland	2165	Spain	2149
France	2174	Sweden	2499
Germany	2109	Switzerland	2086
India	2248	Thailand	2528
Indonesia	2238	United Kingdom	2184
Italy	2254		
Japan	2276		
Korea	2304		
Malaysia	2363		

Changing the password

- 1** Press  **DISPLAY** when playback is stopped.
The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.
- 2** Press  or  repeatedly to select  (**PARENTAL CONTROL**), then press **ENTER**.
The options for “PARENTAL CONTROL” appear on the TV screen.
- 3** Press  or  repeatedly to select “**PASSWORD →**”, then press **ENTER**.
The display for entering the password appears on the TV screen.
- 4** Enter your 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.
- 5** Enter a new 4-digit password using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.
- 6** To confirm your password, re-enter it using the numeric buttons, then press **ENTER**.

If you make a mistake entering your password

Press  repeatedly to delete the number you have entered, then re-enter your password again.

Using the DVD Setup Menu




By using the DVD Setup Menu, you can make various adjustments to items such as picture and sound. For details on each DVD Setup Menu item, see pages 50–56. For an overall list of DVD setup menu items, see pages 97 and 98.

Note

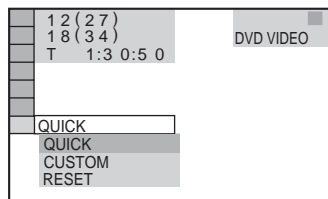
Playback settings stored in the disc take priority over the DVD setup menu settings. Therefore, some of the DVD setup menu settings may not be performed.



- 1** Press  **DISPLAY** when playback is stopped.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

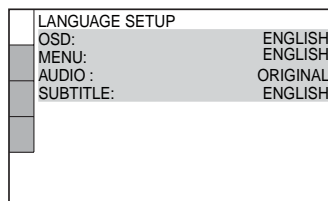
- 2** Press  or  repeatedly to select  (**SETUP**), then press **ENTER**.



The options for “SETUP” appear on the TV screen.



- 3** Press  or  repeatedly to select “**CUSTOM**”, then press **ENTER**.

The Setup Menu appears on the TV screen.

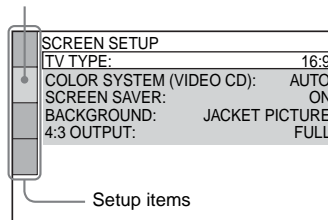


- 4** Press  or  repeatedly to select the setup item from the displayed list: “**LANGUAGE SETUP**”, “**SCREEN SETUP**”, “**CUSTOM SETUP**”, or “**SPEAKER SETUP**”. Then press **ENTER**.

The setup item is selected.

Example: **SCREEN SETUP**

Selected item

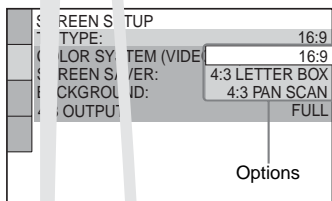


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- 5** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the item you want, then press **ENTER**.

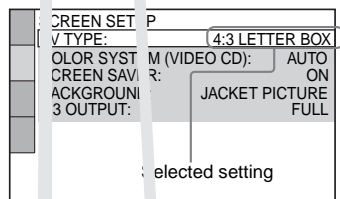
The option for the selected item appears on the TV screen.

Example: TV TYPE



- 6** Press **↑** or **↓** repeatedly to select the setting you want, then press **ENTER**.

The setting is selected and setup is completed.



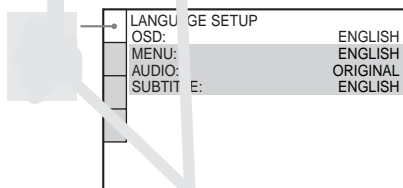
Setting the language

— LANGUAGE SETUP

“LANGUAGE SETUP” allows you to set various languages for the on-screen display, sound track, or subtitle.

Select “LANGUAGE SETUP” in the Setup Menu. For details, see “Using the DVD Setup Menu” (page 49).

Example



■ OSD (On-Screen Display)

Switches the language of the on-screen display.

■ MENU (DVD VIDEO only)

Select the language for the DVD menu.

■ AUDIO (DVD VIDEO only)

Switches the language of the sound track.

When you select “ORIGINAL”, the language given priority in the disc is selected.

■ SUBTITLE (DVD VIDEO only)

Switches the language of the subtitle.

When you select “AUDIO FOLLOW”, the language for the subtitles changes according to the language you selected for the sound track.

Note

When you select a language in “MENU”, “SUBTITLE”, or “AUDIO” that is not recorded on the DVD VIDEO, one of the recorded language is automatically selected. However, depending on the disc, the language may not be selected automatically.

Tip

If you select “OTHERS →” in “MENU”, “SUBTITLE”, and “AUDIO”, enter a language code from the “Language code list” (page 99) using the numeric buttons.

Setting the TV screen

— SCREEN SETUP

Choose the settings according to the TV you connected.

Select “SCREEN SETUP” in the Setup Menu. For details, see “Using the DVD Setup Menu” (page 49).

The default settings are underlined.

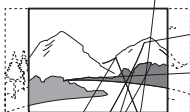
Example:

■ TV TYPE (DVD VIDEO only)

Select the aspect ratio of the connected TV (4:3 standard or wide).

The default setting varies depending on the area.

16:9	Select this when you connect a wide-screen TV or a TV with a wide mode function.
4:3 LETTER BOX	Select this when you connect a 4:3 screen TV. This setting displays a wide picture with bands on the upper and lower portions of the screen.
4:3 PAN SCAN	Select this when you connect a 4:3 screen TV. This setting displays the wide picture on the entire screen and cuts off the portions that do not fit.



Note

Depending on the DVD VIDEO, "4:3 LETTER BOX" may be selected automatically instead of "4:3 PAN SCAN" or vice versa.

■ COLOR SYSTEM (VIDEO CD)

(Except for Latin American and Russian models)



Select the color system when you play back a VIDEO CD.

■ SCREEN SAVER

Turn on or off the screen saver. The screen saver will help prevent your display device from becoming damaged (ghosting).

If you turn on the screen saver, the screen saver image appears when

- playback is stopped or paused for 15 minutes, or
- you playback an AUDIO CD or MP3 audio tracks for more than 15 minutes.

Press  (or  on the unit) to turn off the screen saver.

■ BACKGROUND

Select the background color or picture to be displayed on the TV screen. The background color or picture is displayed when playback is stopped or while playing an AUDIO CD or MP3 audio tracks.

■ BLACK LEVEL

(Latin American models only)

Select the black level (setup level) for the video signals output from the video jacks other than COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks.

ON	Set the black level of the output signal to the standard level.
OFF	Lower the standard black level. Select this when the picture becomes too white.

■ BLACK LEVEL (COMPONENT OUT)

(Latin American models only)

Select the black level (setup level) for the video signals output from the COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks. You cannot select this setting when the system outputs progressive signal.

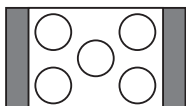
OFF	Set the black level of the output signal to the standard level.
ON	Raise the standard black level. Select this when the picture becomes too black.

■ 4:3 OUTPUT

(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)

This setting is effective only when you – set “TV TYPE” in “SCREEN SETUP” to “16:9” (page 51).
– set the output signal of COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks to the progressive format (page 21). Select “P AUTO” or “P VIDEO”.
Change this setting to watch 4:3 aspect ratio progressive signals. If you can change the aspect ratio on your progressive format (525p/625p) compatible TV, change the setting on your TV.

FULL	Select this when you can change the aspect ratio on your TV.
NORMAL	Select this when you cannot change the aspect ratio on your TV. Shows a 16:9 aspect ratio signal with black bands on left and right sides of the image.



16:9 aspect ratio TV

Setting playback options

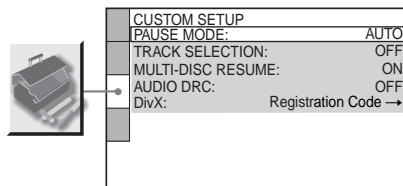
— CUSTOM SETUP

Use this to set up playback related and other settings.

Select “CUSTOM SETUP” in the Setup Menu. For details, see “Using the DVD Setup Menu” (page 49).

The default settings are underlined.

Example:



■ PAUSE MODE

(DVD VIDEO and DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode only)

Select the picture when playback is paused.

AUTO	The picture, including subjects that move dynamically, is output with no jitter. Normally select this position.
FRAME	The picture, including subjects that do not move dynamically, is output in high resolution.

■ TRACK SELECTION

(DVD VIDEO only)

Gives priority to the sound track which contains the highest number of channels when you play back a DVD VIDEO on which multiple audio formats (PCM, DTS, MPEG audio, or Dolby Digital format) are recorded.

OFF	No priority given.
AUTO	Priority given.

Notes

- When you set “TRACK SELECTION” to “AUTO”, the language may change. The “TRACK SELECTION” setting has higher priority than the “AUDIO” setting in “LANGUAGE SETUP” (page 50). However, depending on the disc, this function may not be performed.
- If PCM, DTS, Dolby Digital, and MPEG audio sound tracks have the same number of channels, the system selects PCM, DTS, Dolby Digital, and MPEG audio sound tracks in this order.

■ MULTI-DISC RESUME (DVD VIDEO and VIDEO CD only)

Turn on and off the Multi-Disc Resume function. The resume playback point can be stored in the memory for up to 40 different DVD VIDEOS or VIDEO CDs (page 26).

ON	Stores the resume playback point in the memory for up to 40 discs.
OFF	Does not store the resume playback point in the memory. Playback starts at the resume playback point only for the current disc in the system.

■ AUDIO DRC (Dynamic Range Compression) (DVD VIDEO and DVD-R/ DVD-RW in VR mode only)

Narrow the dynamic range of the sound track. Useful for watching movies at low volume late at night.

OFF	No compression of dynamic range.
STANDARD	Reproduce the sound track with the kind of dynamic range that the recording engineer intended.
MAX	Narrow the dynamic range fully.

Note

AUDIO DRC can only be performed with Dolby Digital sources.

■ DivX (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only)

* Russian model only.

Display the registration code for this system.

For more information, go to

<http://www.divx.com> on the Internet.

Setting the speakers

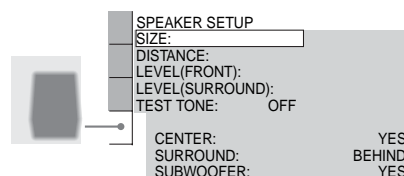
— SPEAKER SETUP

(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)

Select “SPEAKER SETUP” in the Setup Menu. For details, see “Using the DVD Setup Menu” (page 49).

The default settings are underlined.

Example:



To return to the default setting when changing a setting

Press CLEAR before you press ENTER.

However, note that you cannot return the setting of “SIZE” to default setting.

Note

You cannot perform SPEAKER SETUP when you connect headphones or microphone to the unit.

For MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D

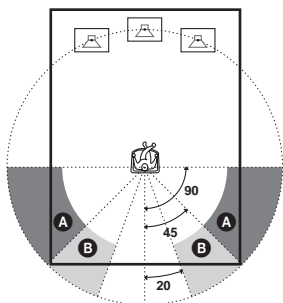
To obtain the best possible surround sound, set the size of the speakers you have connected and their distance from your listening position.

Then, use the test tone to adjust the level of the speakers to the same level.

■ SIZE

When you connect or disconnect the center speaker, surround speakers or subwoofer or when you move the surround speakers, change the setting for CENTER, SURROUND and SUBWOOFER. Since the front speaker setting is fixed, you cannot change it.

Position diagram



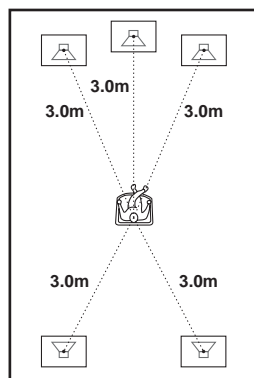
FRONT	<u>YES</u>
CENTER	<u>YES</u> : Normally select this. NONE: Select this if the center speaker is not connected.
SURROUND	<u>BEHIND</u> : Select this if the surround speakers are located in section B . <u>SIDE</u> : Select this if the surround speakers are located in section A . NONE: Select this if the surround speakers are not connected.
SUBWOOFER	<u>YES</u> : (MHC-GN999D/ MHC-GN999DS only) Normally, select this. Be sure you have turned on the subwoofer by pressing SUB WOOFER ON/OFF on the unit (page 67). (MHC-GNZ88D only) Select this if you have connected an optional subwoofer. NONE: (MHC-GN999D/ MHC-GN999DS only) Select this if the subwoofer is not connected. (MHC-GNZ88D only) Select this if an optional subwoofer is not connected.

Notes

- When you change the setting, the sound cuts off for a moment.
- Depending on the settings of other speakers, the subwoofer may output excessive sound.
- When you play back a DVD VIDEO that does not have subwoofer output recorded, no sound is output from the subwoofer, even if "SUBWOOFER" is set to "YES".

■ DISTANCE

The default setting for the speakers distance in relation to the listening position is shown below. When you set the distance using QUICK SETUP (page 19), the settings are automatically displayed. The items that are set to "NONE" in "SIZE" cannot be selected.



Note

Be sure to change the value in the Setup Menu when you move the speakers.

FRONT <u>3.0m</u> ¹⁾	Front speaker distance from the listening position can be set in 0.2 meter increments from 1.0 to 7.0 meters.
CENTER <u>3.0m</u> ¹⁾²⁾	Center speaker distance from the listening position can be set in 0.2 meter increments from 0.0 to 7.0 meters.
SURROUND <u>3.0m</u> ¹⁾²⁾	Surround speaker distance from the listening position can be set in 0.2 meter increments from 0.0 to 7.0 meters.

¹⁾ When you perform QUICK SETUP (page 19), the default settings are changed.

²⁾ The setting range changes depending on the front speaker setting.

Notes

- When you adjust the speaker distance, the sound may cut off for a moment.
- If each front and surround speakers are not placed at an equal distance from your listening position, set the distance according to the closest speaker.
- Do not place the surround speakers further away from your listening position than the front speakers.
- Depending on the input stream, the “DISTANCE” setting may not be effective.

■ LEVEL (FRONT)

You can adjust the level of the front speakers, center speaker and subwoofer as follows. Be sure to set “TEST TONE” to “ON” for easy adjustment. The items that are set to “NONE” in “SIZE” cannot be selected.

L 0.0 dB	Set this between –6.0 dB and 0.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.
R 0.0 dB	Set this between –6.0 dB and 0.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.
CENTER 0.0 dB	Set this between –6.0 dB and +6.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.
SUBWOOFER +3.0 dB¹⁾ 0.0 dB²⁾	(MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only) Set this between –6.0 dB and +6.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments. (MHC-GNZ88D only) Set this between –10.0 dB and +10.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.

¹⁾ MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only.

²⁾ MHC-GNZ88D only.

Note

Depending on the subwoofer, the sound output may be smaller compared to other speakers when you adjust “SUBWOOFER” setting during test tone.

■ LEVEL (SURROUND)

You can adjust the level of each surround speakers as follows. Be sure to set “TEST TONE” to “ON” for easy adjustment. This setting cannot be selected when “SURROUND” is set to “NONE” in the “SIZE” setting.

L 0.0 dB	Set this between –6.0 dB and +6.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.
R 0.0 dB	Set this between –6.0 dB and +6.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.

■ TEST TONE

The speakers will emit a test tone to adjust “LEVEL (FRONT)” and “LEVEL (SURROUND)”.

OFF	The test tone is not emitted from the speakers.
ON	The test tone is emitted from each speaker in sequence.* The test tone is emitted from the selected speakers when you set “LEVEL (FRONT)” or “LEVEL (SURROUND)”.

* (MHC-GNZ88D only)

The test tone is not emitted from the subwoofer.

For MHC-GNZ77D

■ SIZE

When you connect or disconnect the subwoofer, change the setting for SUBWOOFER. Since the front speaker setting is fixed, you cannot change it.

FRONT	YES
SUBWOOFER	YES: Select this if you have connected an optional subwoofer. NONE: Select this if an optional subwoofer is not connected.

Note

When you change the setting, the sound cuts off for a moment.

■ LEVEL (FRONT)




















You can adjust the level of the front speakers and subwoofer as follows. The items that are set to “NONE” in “SIZE” cannot be selected.

L 0.0 dB	Set this between –6.0 dB and 0.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.
R 0.0 dB	Set this between –6.0 dB and 0.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.
SUBWOOFER 0.0 dB	Set this between –10.0 dB and +10.0 dB in 1.0 dB increments.

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Adjusting the speaker level by using the test tone



(Except for MHC-GNZ77D/
MHC-GNZ55D)

- 1** Press  **DISPLAY** when playback is stopped.
The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.
- 2** Press  or  repeatedly to select  (**SETUP**), then press **ENTER**.
The options for “SETUP” appear on the TV screen.
- 3** Press  or  repeatedly to select “**CUSTOM**”, then press **ENTER**.
The Setup Menu appears on the TV screen.
- 4** Press  or  repeatedly to select “**SPEAKER SETUP**”, then press **ENTER**.
- 5** Press  or  repeatedly to select “**TEST TONE**”, then press **ENTER**.
- 6** Press  or  repeatedly to select “**ON**”, then press **ENTER**.
You will hear the test tone from each speaker in sequence.
(MHC-GNZ88D only) You will not hear the test tone from the subwoofer.
- 7** Press  or  repeatedly to select “**LEVEL (FRONT)**”, then press **ENTER**.
- 8** Press  or  repeatedly to select the speaker, then press **ENTER**.
The test tone is emitted from the selected speaker.
- 9** Press  or  repeatedly to adjust the level from your listening position.
- 10** Press **ENTER** when you have finished making the adjustment.
- 11** Repeat steps 8 to 10 to adjust the speaker level for other speakers.
- 12** Press .

13 Press  or  repeatedly to select “**LEVEL (SURROUND)**”, then press **ENTER**.

14 Repeat steps 8 to 11 to adjust the speaker level for other speakers.

15 Press .

16 Press  or  repeatedly to select “**TEST TONE**”, then press **ENTER**.

17 Press  or  repeatedly to select “**OFF**”, then press **ENTER**.

Note

When you adjust the speaker settings, the sound may cut off for a moment.

Tip

To adjust the volume of all speakers at the same time, press **VOLUME +/-** repeatedly (or turn **MASTER VOLUME** on the unit).

Presetting radio stations

You can preset up to 20 FM stations and 10 AM stations. You can then tune in any of those stations simply by selecting the corresponding preset number.

Automatic tuning preset

You can automatically tune in all of the stations that can be received in your area and then store the frequency of your favourite stations manually.

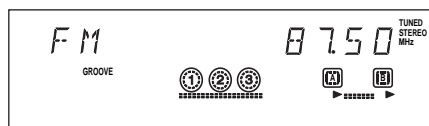
1 Press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select "TUNER FM" or "TUNER AM" (or press TUNER/BAND on the unit repeatedly to select "FM" or "AM").

2 Press and hold TUNING +/- until the frequency indication starts to change and then release.

"AUTO" lights up in the display when the system starts scanning for a station.

Scanning stops automatically and "AUTO" disappears from the display when a station is tuned in. "TUNED" lights up in the display.

When a FM stereo program is tuned in, "STEREO" lights up in the display.



If "TUNED" does not light up and the scanning does not stop

Set the frequency of the radio station you want as described in step 2 of "Manual tuning preset".

3 Press MENU.

"MEMORY" flashes in the display.

4 Press ENTER.

A preset number flashes in the display.

The stations are stored from preset number 1.



5 Press PRESET +/- repeatedly to select the preset number you want.

6 Press ENTER.

"COMPLETE" appears in the display. The station is stored.

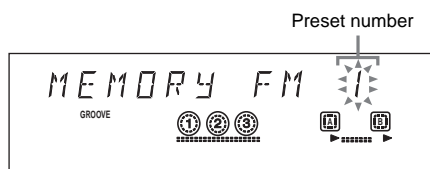
7 Repeat steps 1 to 6 to store other stations.

Manual tuning preset

You can manually tune in and store the frequency of your favourite stations.

- 1 Press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select “TUNER FM” or “TUNER AM” (or press TUNER/BAND on the unit repeatedly to select “FM” or “AM”).**
- 2 Press TUNING +/- repeatedly to tune in the station you want.**
- 3 Press MENU.**
“MEMORY” flashes in the display.
- 4 Press ENTER.**

A preset number flashes in the display.
The stations are stored from preset number 1.



- 5 Press PRESET +/- repeatedly to select the preset number you want.**
- 6 Press ENTER.**
“COMPLETE” appears in the display. The station is stored.
- 7 Repeat steps 1 to 6 to store other stations.**

Other operations

To	Do this
Tune in a station with a weak signal	Follow the procedure described in “Manual tuning preset” (page 58).
Stop scanning during automatic tuning	Press ■.
Cancel presetting	Press MENU.

To change the AM tuning interval (except for Saudi Arabian and Russian models)

The factory setting for AM tuning interval is 9 kHz (or 10 kHz for some areas).

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

- 1 Press TUNER/BAND repeatedly to select “AM”.**
- 2 Press I/⏻ to turn off the system.**
- 3 Hold down ILLUMINATION and then press I/⏻ to turn on the system.**
“AM 9K STEP” or “AM 10K STEP” appears in the display.

When you change the interval, all the AM preset stations are erased. To reset the interval, repeat the same procedure.

Note

You cannot change the AM tuning interval in Power Saving Mode (page 76).

Tips

- The preset stations are retained for half a day even if you unplug the power cord or if a power failure occurs.
- If you press TUNER/BAND on the unit while the system is turned off, the system turns on automatically and “TUNER” is selected as the function except during Power Saving Mode.

Listening to the radio

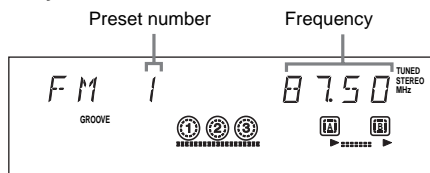
You can listen to a radio station either by selecting a preset station, or by manually tuning in the station.

Listening to a preset radio station

— Preset Tuning

Before tuning to preset stations, be sure to preset them first (see “Presetting radio stations” on page 57).

- 1 Press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select “TUNER FM” or “TUNER AM” (or press TUNER/BAND on the unit repeatedly to select “FM” or “AM”).**
- 2 Press PRESET +/- repeatedly (or turn ◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶ on the unit clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly) to select the preset station you want.**



Tip

You can also press the numeric buttons to select the preset station you want, then press ENTER.

Listening to a non-preset radio station

— Manual Tuning

- 1 Press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select “TUNER FM” or “TUNER AM” (or press TUNER/BAND on the unit repeatedly to select “FM” or “AM”).**
- 2 Press TUNING +/- repeatedly to tune in the station you want.**

Tips

- To improve broadcast reception, adjust the supplied antennas, or connect an external antenna.
- When an FM stereo program has static noise, press FM MODE repeatedly until “MONO” lights up in the display. There will be no stereo effect, but the reception will improve.
- To record the radio programs, see “Recording onto a tape manually” (page 62) or “Timer recording radio programs” (page 75).

1 Press ▲ PUSH on deck A or deck B to open the selected deck.

2 Load a tape into deck A or deck B.

3 Push the center of the tape lid to close the deck.

You can record a whole disc onto a tape. You can use TYPE I (normal) tape. The recording level is adjusted automatically.

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

- 1 Load a recordable tape into deck B.**
- 2 Press DVD and load a disc you want to record.**
- 3 Press CD SYNC.**

“SYNC” lights up in the display and

“REC” flashes in the display.

Recording onto a tape manually

— Manual Recording

You can record just the portions you like from a disc, tape or radio program onto a tape. (Except for MHC-GNZ55D) You can also record from connected components (see “Hooking up optional components” on page 81). Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

- 1 Load a recordable tape into deck B.**
- 2 Press DVD, TUNER/BAND, TAPE A/B, TV/SAT* or VIDEO* to select the source you want to record.**
* Except for MHC-GNZ55D.
- 3 Load the disc, tape or tune to the station you want to record. (Except for MHC-GNZ55D) To record from the connected component, connect the external audio sources.**
- 4 Press REC PAUSE/START.**
“REC” flashes in the display.
Deck B stands by for recording.
- 5 Press DIRECTION repeatedly to select “↔” to record on one side or “↔↔” (or “RELAY”) to record on both sides.**

Tip

When recording on both sides:

Be sure to start from the front side. If you start from the reverse side, recording stops at the end of the reverse side.

- 6 Press REC PAUSE/START.**
“REC” lights up in the display.
Recording starts.
- 7 Start playing the source to be recorded.**

To record from the reverse side

- 1** Load a recordable tape into deck B.
- 2** Press TAPE A/B repeatedly to select “TAPE B”.
- 3** Press ◀▶ repeatedly until the TAPE B reverse side indicator lights up.
Playback starts from the reverse side.
- 4** Press ■ at the point you want to start recording.
- 5** Do the same procedures as step 2 to 7 of “Recording onto a tape manually” on page 62.

To stop recording

Press ■.

Notes

- (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D only)
When you press REC PAUSE/START during DVD function, the sound field is automatically changed to
– LINK if the headphones are not connected.
– HP 2CH if the headphones are connected.
- (MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only)
When you press REC PAUSE/START during DVD function, the sound field is automatically changed to
– 2CH STEREO if the headphones are not connected.
– HP 2CH if the headphones are connected.
- You cannot listen to other sources while recording.

Tips

- When recording from the radio:
If noise is heard while recording from the radio, move the respective antenna to reduce the noise.
- When recording from a disc onto a tape manually:
You can turn ◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶ clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly to select the tracks during recording is paused (after step 4 and before step 6 of “Recording onto a tape manually” (page 62)).

Sound Adjustment

Adjusting the sound

You can reinforce the bass and create a more powerful sound.

The GROOVE setting is ideal for music sources, and the V-GROOVE setting is ideal for video sources (movie, etc.).

Press GROOVE on the unit repeatedly.

Each time you press the button, the display changes cyclically as follows:

GROOVE ON* → V-GROOVE ON* → GROOVE OFF

* The volume switches to power mode and the equalizer curve changes.

Tips

- The default setting is “GROOVE ON”.
- “GROOVE” lights up in the display if “GROOVE ON” is selected.
- “V-GROOVE” lights up in the display if “V-GROOVE ON” is selected.

Selecting the preset effect

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

Press PRESET EQ repeatedly to select the preset effect you want.

Preset effect options

Effect	Category
ROCK	Standard music sources
POP	
JAZZ	
DANCE	
SOUL	
TECHNO	
HIP HOP	
MP3 EQ	MP3 audio tracks
FLAT	Original music source
USER EQ 1	User equalizer settings
USER EQ 2	
USER EQ 3	

To cancel the preset effect

Press PRESET EQ repeatedly until “FLAT” appears in the display.

Note

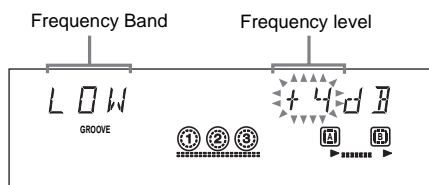
To store the user equalizer settings, see “Adjusting and storing the graphic equalizer” on page 64.

Adjusting and storing the graphic equalizer

You can adjust the sound by raising or lowering the level of specific frequency band, then store up to three user equalizer settings in the memory.

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

1 Press EQ BAND/MEMORY.



2 Turn I◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶I clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly to adjust the frequency level.

3 Repeat step 1 and 2 to adjust the level of frequency band "MID".

4 Repeat step 1 and 2 to adjust the level of frequency band "HIGH".

5 Press EQ BAND/MEMORY.



6 Turn I◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶I clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly to select a user equalizer number (1~3) you want to store the equalizer settings.

7 Press EQ BAND/MEMORY.

This setting is automatically stored as the user equalizer setting you selected in step 6.

The previous setting stored at this memory location is erased and replaced by the new setting.

To cancel storing

Turn I◀◀ OPERATION DIAL ▶▶I clockwise repeatedly in step 6 to select "EXIT", then press EQ BAND/MEMORY.

To call up a user equalizer setting

Press PRESET EQ repeatedly until the user equalizer setting number you want appears in the display.

Selecting the sound field

You can take advantage of the surround sound simply by selecting one of the sound fields. They bring the exciting and powerful sound of movie theaters into your home.

1 Press SOUND FIELD.

The last selected sound field appears in the display.

2 Press $\blacktriangle/\blacktriangledown/\blacktriangleleft/\blacktriangleright$ repeatedly (or turn **OPERATION DIAL** \blacktriangleright on the unit clockwise or counterclockwise repeatedly) when the last selected sound field appears in the display to select the sound field you want.

You can also press SOUND FIELD repeatedly to select the sound field you want.

The selectable sound fields differ depending on the function you have activated. However, the sound field changes if you connect the headphones. For details, refer to the following table.

Function	Sound field (When the headphones are not connected)	Sound field (When the headphones are connected)
DVD	MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D only SBS MULTI \leftrightarrow A.F.D. AUTO \leftrightarrow PRO LOGIC \leftrightarrow PLII MOVIE \leftrightarrow PLII MUSIC \leftrightarrow V.M.DIM \leftrightarrow LINK \leftrightarrow 2CH STEREO	MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D only HP 2CH \leftrightarrow HP VIRTUAL
	MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only 2CH STEREO \leftrightarrow 2CH SURR \leftrightarrow VIRTUAL A \leftrightarrow VIRTUAL B	MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only HP 2CH \leftrightarrow HP SURR \leftrightarrow HP VIRTUAL
DVD And, one of the following operations is performed: – Activate the Karaoke Mode. – Recording or system stands by for recording. – Connect a microphone.	MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D only LINK \leftrightarrow LINK SURR \leftrightarrow 2CH SURR \leftrightarrow 2CH STEREO	MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D only HP 2CH
	MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only 2CH STEREO \leftrightarrow 2CH SURR	MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only HP 2CH \leftrightarrow HP SURR
TUNER TAPE A TAPE B TV* SAT* VIDEO*	MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D only LINK \leftrightarrow LINK SURR \leftrightarrow 2CH SURR \leftrightarrow 2CH STEREO	MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/ MHC-GNZ88D only HP 2CH
	MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only 2CH STEREO \leftrightarrow 2CH SURR	MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only HP 2CH \leftrightarrow HP SURR

* Except for MHC-GNZ55D.

■ SBS MULTI (Sound Broadcasting System Multi mode)

Performs suitable decoding based on the source to maximize the sound field effect. This mode lets you enjoy audio playback of all types of discs from multiple speakers.

■ A.F.D. AUTO (Auto Format Direct Auto)

The number of sound channels depends on the source. During DVD function, when 2 channel sources such as AUDIO CD, VIDEO CD and MP3 audio tracks are played back, only 2 sound channels would be output. However, the number of sound channels output during DVD VIDEO and DivX video files playback would depend on the audio format selection.

■ PRO LOGIC

Performs Pro Logic decoding. The source recorded in 2 channels is decoded into 4.1 channels.

■ PLII MOVIE

Performs Pro Logic II Movie mode decoding. This setting is ideal for movies encoded in Dolby Surround. In addition, this mode can reproduce sound in 5.1 channels when watching videos of overdubbed or old movies. The source recorded in 2 channels is decoded into 5.1 channels.

■ PLII MUSIC

Performs Pro Logic II Music mode decoding. This setting is ideal for normal stereo sources such as AUDIO CDs. The source recorded in 2 channels is decoded into 5.1 channels.

■ V.M.DIM

Performs DCS (Digital Cinema Sound) decoding. The source recorded in 2 channels is decoded into 5.1 channels.

■ LINK

Reproduces the surround channels from the front channels.

■ LINK SURR

Reproduces the surround channels from the front channels with surround effect.

■ 2CH STEREO

Reproduces stereo output from multi channel sources such as DVD VIDEOS and DivX video files during DVD function. The system outputs the original sound during functions other than DVD and during playback of stereo sources such as VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD and MP3 audio tracks.

■ VIRTUAL A

Creates 3 sets of virtual surround speakers from the sound of the actual front speakers. This sound field is only effective when you play back multi channel sources.

■ VIRTUAL B

Creates 1 set of virtual surround speakers from the sound of the front speakers without using actual surround speakers. This mode is effective when the distance between the front speakers is short. This sound field is only effective when you play back multi channel sources.

■ 2CH SURR

Reproduces stereo output with surround effect from multi channel sources such as DVD VIDEO during DVD function. The system outputs the original sound with surround effect during functions other than DVD.

■ HP 2CH

The normal sound field for headphones.

■ HP SURR

The sound field for headphones with surround effect.

■ HP VIRTUAL

The sound field for headphones with virtual surround effect. This sound field is only effective when you play back multi channel sources.

Notes

- Depending on the disc, the surround effect may not be as much as expected.
- The sound field may automatically changed when you change the function.

Tips

- “PRO LOGIC” lights up in the display when Pro Logic decoding is performed.
- “PRO LOGIC II” lights up in the display when Pro Logic II Movie/Music mode decoding is performed.
- “VIRTUAL” lights up in the display when “HP VIRTUAL”, “VIRTUAL A”, or “VIRTUAL B” is selected.
- “VIRTUAL” and “DCS” light up in the display when “V.M.DIM” is selected.
- “SURR” lights up in the display when “HP SURR”, “2CH SURR”, or “LINK SURR” is selected.

Using the subwoofer

(MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only)

You can use the subwoofer to enhance the bass.

Press SUB WOOFER ON/OFF on the unit repeatedly until the indicator lights up.

The subwoofer is turned on.

To turn off the subwoofer

Press SUB WOOFER ON/OFF on the unit repeatedly until the indicator turns off again.

Note

If the “SUBWOOFER” is set to “NONE” in the “SIZE” setting (page 53), there will be no sound output from the subwoofer, even though you have turned on the subwoofer.

Singing along: Karaoke

DVD-V DVD-VR VIDEO CD C D DATA CD

DATA DVD

You can sing along with any multiplex AUDIO CD, multiplex VIDEO CD or DVD VIDEO in Dolby Digital Karaoke format. You need to connect an optional microphone.

Preparing for karaoke

(DVD VIDEO, DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode, VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD, MP3 audio tracks and DivX video files only)

- 1 Press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select “DVD” (or press DVD on the unit).**
- 2 Turn MIC 1 LEVEL or MIC 2 LEVEL on the unit to MIN to reduce the microphone volume.**


Note

(MHC-GNZ55D only)

Turn MIC LEVEL on the unit to MIN to reduce the microphone volume.

- 3 Turn ECHO LEVEL on the unit to MIN to cancel the echo effect (except for MHC-GNZ55D).**
- 4 Connect an optional microphone to MIC 1 or MIC 2 jack on the unit.**

The Karaoke Mode is turned on.

“KARAOKE MODE: ON” appears on the TV screen and “” lights up in the display.

Note

(MHC-GNZ55D only)

Connect an optional microphone to MIC jack on the unit.

Tip

(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)

You need to connect 2 microphones if you want to sing duet.

- 5 Start playing the music and adjust the volume.**

Note

If Karaoke Mode is turned on:

- during DVD VIDEO, DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode or DivX video files playback, the system outputs the audio format that you have selected.
- during AUDIO CD, VIDEO CD or MP3 audio tracks playback, the audio setting automatically changes to “I/L” and the system outputs the left channel audio on both front and surround channels.
- and you want to hear vocal, press AUDIO repeatedly to select another audio channel.

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6 Start singing along with the music and adjust the microphone volume by turning MIC 1 LEVEL or MIC 2 LEVEL on the unit.

Note

(MHC-GNZ55D only)

Use MIC LEVEL on the unit for this operation.

To adjust the microphone echo (except for MHC-GNZ55D)

Turn ECHO LEVEL on the unit to adjust the echo effect. To cancel the echo effect, turn ECHO LEVEL on the unit to MIN.

To turn off the Karaoke Mode

Disconnect all the microphones or press KARAOKE MODE. "KARAOKE MODE: OFF" appears on the TV screen and "🎤" disappears from the display.

Notes

- You can also turn on the Karaoke Mode by pressing KARAOKE MODE.
- If acoustic feedback (howling) occurs, move the microphone away from the speakers or change the direction of the microphone.
- Karaoke Mode is automatically turned off when you:
 - turn off the system.
 - change the function.
 - connect the headphones.
 - turn on the test tone.
- (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D only)
When you turn on the Karaoke Mode, the sound field is automatically changed to
 - LINK if the headphones are not connected.
 - HP 2CH if the headphones are connected.
- (MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only)
When you turn on the Karaoke Mode, the sound field is automatically changed to
 - 2CH STEREO if the headphones are not connected.
 - HP 2CH if the headphones are connected.

Singing karaoke by reducing the vocal

(DVD VIDEO, DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode, VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD, MP3 audio tracks and DivX video files only)

You can enjoy karaoke with any disc, even if it is not a karaoke or multiplex disc by reducing the sound of the vocal.

1 Press DISPLAY once or twice when Karaoke Mode is turned on while playing a disc.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

2 Press or repeatedly to select (KARAOKE PON), then press ENTER.

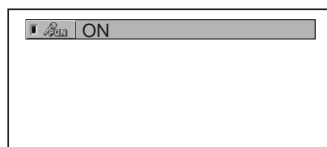
The options for "KARAOKE PON" appear on the TV screen.

3 Press or repeatedly to select "ON", then press ENTER.

The sound of vocal is reduced.

Notes

- The singer's voice may not be reduced when:
 - only a few instruments are playing.
 - a duet is being played back.
 - the source has strong echoes or chorus.
 - the singer's voice deviates from the center.
 - the voice on the source is singing in high soprano or tenor.
- To cancel the "KARAOKE PON" effect, select "OFF" in step 3.
- You can also change the "KARAOKE PON" setting by pressing KARAOKE PON when the Karaoke Mode is turned on. The following display appears on the TV screen.




- The “KARAOKE PON” setting is automatically changed to “OFF” when you:
 - turn off the system.
 - change the function.
 - connect the headphones.
 - turn on the test tone.
 - turn off the Karaoke Mode.
 - open the disc tray.
 - change the disc.
 - set “VOCAL” to “ON”.

Adjusting the pitch of the music



(DVD VIDEO, DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode, VIDEO CD, AUDIO CD, MP3 audio tracks and DivX video files only)

You can adjust the pitch of the music to suit your vocal range. You can adjust the key higher or lower in 13 steps (#6 – #6).

- 1 Press  **DISPLAY** once or twice when Karaoke Mode is turned on while playing a disc.



The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

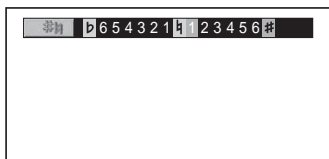
- 2 Press  or  repeatedly to select  (KEY CONTROL), then press ENTER.


- 3 Press  or  repeatedly to select the key you want.

The key is changed.

Notes

- You can also change the “KEY CONTROL” setting by pressing KEY CONTROL  to reduce the key and KEY CONTROL  to increase the key when the Karaoke Mode is turned on. The following display appears on the TV screen.




- The “KEY CONTROL” setting may automatically changed to default setting when you:
 - turn off the system.
 - change the function.
 - connect the headphones.
 - turn on the test tone.
 - turn off the Karaoke Mode.
 - open the disc tray.
 - change the disc.
 - perform Lock Search or Slow-motion Play.
 - change the track or title.
- Depending on the disc, you may not be able to do the above operation.
- To cancel the “KEY CONTROL” effect, select “” in step 3.




Turning on the vocals

DVD-V **VIDEO CD** **C D**

When Karaoke Mode is turned on and a DVD VIDEO in Dolby Digital Karaoke format is played back, you can turn on the guide vocal recorded in the tracks.

- 1 Press  **DISPLAY** once or twice when Karaoke Mode is turned on while playing a disc.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

- 2 Press  or  repeatedly to select  (VOCAL), then press ENTER.

The options for “VOCAL” appear on the TV screen.

- 3 Press  or  repeatedly to select “ON”, then press ENTER.

The vocal is turned on.

■ During DVD VIDEO playback

You can listen to the guide vocal recorded in the Dolby Digital Karaoke format.

■ During AUDIO CD or VIDEO CD playback

When Karaoke Mode is turned on, the system outputs the left channel (accompaniment channel) from both front and surround speakers. You can listen to the vocal when you set “VOCAL” to “ON”.

Notes

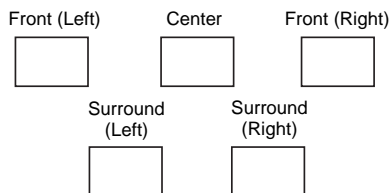
- To turn off the vocal, select “OFF” in step 3.
- For DVD VIDEOS without guide vocal, you cannot turn on the vocal.
- When playing a DVD VIDEO, this function only works for Dolby Digital Karaoke format.
- The “VOCAL” setting is automatically changed to “OFF” when you:
 - turn off the system.
 - change the function.
 - connect the headphones.
 - turn on the test tone.
 - turn off the Karaoke Mode.
 - open the disc tray.
 - change the disc.
 - set “KARAOKE PON” to “ON”.

Dolby Digital Karaoke format

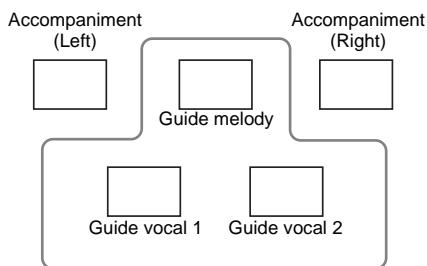
DVD-V

The Dolby Digital format, which reproduces surround sound using 5 channels, can also contain the “Dolby Digital Karaoke” format which is specialized for karaoke. In the Dolby Digital Karaoke format discs, guide melody and guide vocal tracks are recorded in addition to the accompaniment. You can select them when Karaoke Mode is turned on.

Speaker output in normal Dolby Digital format (5.1 channel)



Speaker output in Dolby Digital Karaoke format



You can select any of these. These are output from the front and surround speakers. For details, see “Selecting the vocals” (page 70) and “Turning on the guide melody” (page 71).

You can check the audio information by pressing AUDIO (page 43). When playing a Dolby Digital Karaoke disc, “♪” appears at the current audio format (page 43).

Example:

DOLBY DIGITAL ♪ 3/2

- 2/0: Recorded only with accompaniment.
- 3/0: Recorded with guide melody.
- 3/1: Recorded with guide melody and one guide vocal.
- 3/2: Recorded with guide melody and two guide vocals.

Selecting the vocals

DVD-V

VIDEO CD

C D

After setting “VOCAL” to “ON”, you can change the vocal type.

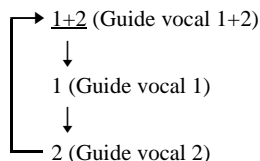
- 1 Press DISPLAY once or twice when Karaoke Mode is turned on while playing a disc.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

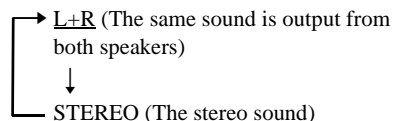
- 2 Press or repeatedly to select (VOCAL SELECT), then press ENTER.

The options for “VOCAL SELECT” appear on the TV screen.

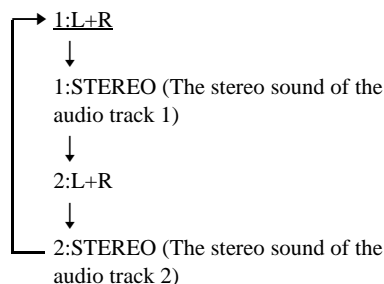
■ When playing a DVD VIDEO



■ When playing a VIDEO CD or AUDIO CD



■ When playing a Super VCD



3 Press or repeatedly to select the vocal type you want, then press ENTER.

The vocal is changed.

Notes

- For DVD VIDEOS with 1 guide vocal recorded, you cannot change the vocal.
- When playing a DVD VIDEO, the function only works for Dolby Digital Karaoke format.
- The “VOCAL SELECT” setting is automatically changed to default setting when you
 - turn off the system.
 - change the function.
 - connect the headphones.
 - turn on the test tone.
 - turn off the Karaoke Mode.
 - open the disc tray.
 - change the disc.
- Depending on the disc, you may not be able to do the above operation.

Turning on the guide melody

DVD-V

You can turn on the guide melody when singing with DVD VIDEO in Dolby Digital Karaoke format.

1 Press DISPLAY once or twice when Karaoke Mode is turned on while playing a disc.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

2 Press or repeatedly to select (GUIDE MELODY), then press ENTER.

The options for “GUIDE MELODY” appear on the TV screen.

3 Press or repeatedly to select “ON”, then press ENTER.

The guide melody is turned on.

Notes

- To turn off the guide melody, select “OFF” in step 3.
- When playing a DVD VIDEO, the function only work for Dolby Digital Karaoke format.
- For DVD VIDEOS without guide melody, you cannot hear the guide melody even if you set the setting to “ON”.
- The “GUIDE MELODY” setting is automatically changed to “OFF” when you:
 - turn off the system.
 - change the function.
 - connect the headphones.
 - turn on the test tone.
 - turn off the Karaoke Mode.
 - open the disc tray.
 - change the disc.

Selecting the scoring mode



(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)

You can select “SCORE MODE” only when the Karaoke Mode is turned on.

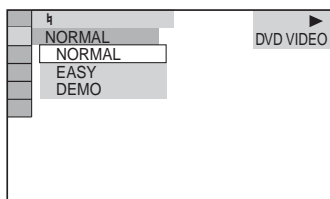
Your score is calculated by comparing your voice with the music source.

1 Press DISPLAY once or twice when Karaoke Mode is turned on while playing a disc.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

2 Press or repeatedly to select (SCORE MODE), then press ENTER.

The options for “SCORE MODE” appear on the TV screen.



3 Press or repeatedly to select the setting you want.

The default setting is underlined.

- NORMAL : Advance or professional level.
- EASY : Beginner or intermediate level.
- DEMO : Demonstration mode.
Consistently displays a high score for every song.

4 Press ENTER.

5 Press SCORE before singing a song in Karaoke Mode.

The previous highest score appears on the TV screen.

6 After singing for more than a minute, press SCORE again to view your score.

Your score is calculated from a scale of 0 to 99.

Notes

- The highest score is reset when the system is turned off.
- The score calculating function may be canceled when certain buttons are pressed.
- In some cases, you may not be able to use the scoring mode.

Tip

The “SCORE MODE” setting is automatically changed to “NORMAL” when the system is turned off.

Mixing and recording onto a tape

You can mix the sound from the microphone (singing or speaking) with the music source and record it onto the tape.

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

1 Turn MIC 1 LEVEL or MIC 2 LEVEL to MIN to reduce the microphone volume.

Note

(MHC-GNZ55D only)

Turn MIC LEVEL to MIN to reduce the microphone volume.

2 Connect an optional microphone to MIC 1 or MIC 2 jack.

Note

(MHC-GNZ55D only)

Connect an optional microphone to MIC jack.

3 Prepare the music source you want to mix. Then, insert a recordable tape into deck B.

4 Press the function button of the source you want to record (e.g., DVD).

If you want to record from TAPE A, press TAPE A/B repeatedly to select “TAPE A”.

5 Press REC PAUSE/START.

“REC” flashes in the display. Deck B stands by for recording.

- 6 Press DIRECTION repeatedly to select “←→” to record on one side. Select “↔” (or “RELAY”) to record on both sides.**

Tip

When recording on both sides:

Be sure to start from the front side. If you start from the reverse side, recording stops at the end of the reverse side.

- 7 Press REC PAUSE/START.**

“REC” lights up in the display.

Recording starts.

- 8 Start playing the source to be recorded.**

Start singing along with the music.

- 9 Adjust the microphone volume by turning MIC 1 LEVEL or MIC 2 LEVEL.**

Note

(MHC-GNZ55D only)

Use MIC LEVEL for this operation.

To record from the reverse side

- 1** Do the same procedures as step 1 to 3 of “Mixing and recording onto a tape” on page 72.
- 2** Press TAPE A/B repeatedly to select “TAPE B”.
- 3** Press ◀▶ repeatedly until TAPE B reverse side indicator lights up.
Playback starts from reverse side.
- 4** Press ■ at the point you want to start recording.
- 5** Do the same procedures as step 4 to 9 of “Mixing and recording onto a tape” on page 72.

To stop recording

Press ■.

After you have finished

Turn MIC 1 LEVEL or MIC 2 LEVEL to MIN and disconnect the microphone from MIC 1 or MIC 2 jack.

(MHC-GNZ55D only) Turn MIC LEVEL to MIN and disconnect the microphone from MIC jack.

Notes

- (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D only)

When you connect an optional microphone during DVD function, the sound field is automatically changed to

- LINK if the headphones are not connected.
- HP 2CH if the headphones are connected.

- (MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only)

When you connect an optional microphone during DVD function, the sound field automatically changed to

- 2CH STEREO if the headphones are not connected.
- HP 2CH if the headphones are connected.

- During DVD function, the Karaoke Mode is automatically turned on when you connect an optional microphone to MIC*, MIC 1, or MIC 2 jack.
* MHC-GNZ55D only.

Tips

- If acoustic feedback (howling) occurs, move the microphone away from the speakers or change the direction of the microphone.
- If you want to record your voice through the microphone only, you can do so by selecting the TAPE A function and not playing any tape.
- When high level sound signals are input, the system automatically adjust the recording level to prevent distortion of the recorded sound signals (Auto Level Control Function).

You can set the system to turn off after a certain time, so that you can fall asleep to music.

Press SLEEP repeatedly.

Each time you press the button, the minute display changes cyclically as follows:

90MIN → 80MIN → 70MIN → ... → 10MIN
→ OFF

Other operations

Note

When the Sleep Timer is activated, "SLEEP" lights up in the display.

Tip

Other operations

To	Do this
Check the setting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Press TIMER MENU. "TIMER SELECT" flashes in the display. 2 Press ENTER. 3 Press or repeatedly to select "PLAY SELECT", then press ENTER.
Change the setting	Start from step 1.
Cancel the Play Timer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Press TIMER MENU. "TIMER SELECT" flashes in the display. 2 Press ENTER. 3 Press or repeatedly to select "TIMER OFF", then press ENTER.

Notes

- You cannot select the Play Timer and the Timer Recording at the same time.
- If you use the Play Timer and the Sleep Timer at the same time, the Sleep Timer has priority.
- The Play Timer will not be activated if the system is turned on or if "STANDBY" flashes in the display.

Tips

- The system turns on 30 seconds before the preset time.
- When Play Timer is selected, "PLAY" lights up in the display.

Timer recording radio programs

You can record from a preset radio station from a specified time.

To make timer recording, you must first preset the radio station (see "Presetting radio stations" on page 57) and set the clock (see "Setting the clock" on page 18).

- 1 Tune in the preset radio station (see "Listening to a preset radio station" on page 59).**
- 2 Press TIMER MENU.**
- 3 Press or repeatedly to select "REC SET", then press ENTER.**
"ON" appears and the hour indication flashes in the display.

4 Set the time to start recording.

Press or repeatedly to set the hour, then press ENTER.

The minute indication flashes in the display.

Press or repeatedly to set the minute, then press ENTER.
"OFF" appears and the hour indicator flashes in the display.

5 Set the time to stop recording following the same procedure as step 4.

"REC", followed by the start time, the stop time and the preset radio station to be recorded (e.g., "FM5 TAPE") appears in the display before the original display returns.

6 Load a recordable tape into deck B.

Make sure the tape is in the front side.

7 Press DIRECTION on the unit repeatedly to select " " to record on one side or " " (or "RELAY") to record on both sides.

When recording from the reverse side, press FUNCTION +/- (or TAPE A/B on the unit) repeatedly to select "TAPE B". Then, press (or on the unit) repeatedly until the TAPE B reverse side indicator lights up to start playback of the reverse side. Press at the point where you want to start recording.

Note





When recording on both sides:

Be sure to start from the front side. If you start from the reverse side, recording stops at the end of reverse side.

8 Press I/⏻ to turn off the system.

continued

Other operations

To	Do this
Check the setting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Press TIMER MENU. "TIMER SELECT" flashes in the display. 2 Press ENTER. 3 Press  or  repeatedly to select "REC SELECT", then press ENTER.
Change the setting	Start from step 1.
Cancel the Timer Recording	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Press TIMER MENU. "TIMER SELECT" flashes in the display. 2 Press ENTER. 3 Press  or  repeatedly to select "TIMER OFF", then press ENTER.

Notes

- You cannot select the Play Timer and the Timer Recording at the same time.
- If you use the Timer Recording and the Sleep Timer at the same time, the Sleep Timer has priority.
- The Timer Recording will not be activated if the system is turned on or if "STANDBY" flashes in the display.
- The volume is reduced to minimum during Timer Recording.
- Do not operate the system from the time the system turns on until the recording starts (about 30 seconds before the preset time).

Tips

- The system turns on 30 seconds before the preset time.
- When Timer Recording is selected, "REC" lights up in the display.

Display

Turning off the display

— Power Saving Mode

The demonstration display and the clock display can be turned off to minimize the amount of power consumed during standby mode (Power Saving Mode).

Press DISPLAY repeatedly while the system is turned off until the demonstration display and the clock display disappears.

To cancel Power Saving Mode

Press DISPLAY repeatedly while the system is turned off. Each time you press the button, the display changes cyclically as follows: Demonstration¹⁾ → Clock²⁾ → No display (Power Saving Mode)

¹⁾ The display changes and the indicators flash even when the system is turned off.


²⁾ "—:—:—" appears in the display if you have not set the clock.

Note

You cannot perform the following operations during Power Saving Mode:

- Setting the clock (page 18).
- Changing the AM tuning interval (page 58).
- Turning on the system by pressing DVD, TUNER/BAND, TAPE A/B, TV/SAT* or VIDEO* on the unit.
 - * Except for MHC-GNZ55D.
- Changing the color system (page 16).

Tips

- The timer continues to operate in Power Saving Mode.
- The I/ indicator lights up in red even in Power Saving Mode.

Changing the power illuminator

Press ILLUMINATION on the unit repeatedly to select the power illuminator you want when the system is turned on.

Each time you press the button, the power illuminator changes cyclically as follows:

**MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D only**

PATTERN 1 → PATTERN 2 →
PATTERN 3 → PATTERN OFF

MHC-GNZ55D only

PATTERN ON → PATTERN OFF

Notes

- When you press VOLUME +/- (or turn MASTER VOLUME on the unit), the power illuminator shows the current volume level.
- During the demonstration display, you can turn on or off the power illuminator by pressing ILLUMINATION on the unit.

Viewing information about the disc in the front panel display

You can check the elapsed playing time and remaining time of the current track or that of the disc. When a DVD-TEXT disc, CD-TEXT disc, DATA DVD or DATA CD is loaded, you can also check the information recorded on disc, such as the titles.

Press DISPLAY repeatedly.

Each time you press the button, the display changes cyclically as follows:

Disc information → Clock display¹⁾ (for 8 seconds) → Effect name (for 8 seconds)

Checking the elapsed playing time, remaining time and titles

Press TIME/TEXT repeatedly during playback.

Each time you press the button, the display changes cyclically as follows:

■ **When playing a DVD VIDEO or DVD-R/ DVD-RW in VR mode**

- When the menu or the title without a chapter is played back
Elapsed playing time of the menu or the current title → Title of the disc²⁾
- When a chapter other than above condition is played back
Elapsed playing time of the current title → Remaining time of the current title → Elapsed playing time of the current chapter → Remaining time of the current chapter → Title of the disc²⁾³⁾

■ **When playing a VIDEO CD (with PBC function is not activated)**

Elapsed playing time of the current track → Remaining time of the current track → Elapsed playing time of the current disc⁴⁾ → Remaining time of the current disc⁴⁾ → Title of the disc²⁾⁶⁾

■ **When playing an AUDIO CD**

Elapsed playing time of the current track → Remaining time of the current track → Elapsed playing time of the current disc⁴⁾ → Remaining time of the current disc⁴⁾ → Title of the disc²⁾

■ **When playing a VIDEO CD or Super VCD (with PBC function is activated)**

Elapsed playing time of the current scene → Title of the disc²⁾⁷⁾

■ **When playing a Super VCD (with PBC function is not activated)**

Elapsed playing time of the current track → Title of the disc²⁾⁶⁾

■ **When playing MP3 audio tracks on a DATA CD or DATA DVD**

Elapsed playing time of the current track → Title of the track

■ When playing DivX video files on a DATA CD or DATA DVD

Elapsed playing time of the current file →
Title of the file⁵⁾

Checking the total playing time and titles

Press TIME/TEXT repeatedly when playback is stopped.

Each time you press the button, the display changes cyclically as follows:

■ DVD VIDEO or DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode

Total number of titles on the disc →
Title of the disc²⁾

■ VIDEO CD (with PBC function is not activated) or AUDIO CD

Total number of the tracks on the disc and the total playing time of the disc →
Title of the disc²⁾

■ VIDEO CD (with PBC function is activated)

Total number of scene on the disc →
Title of the disc²⁾

- 1) “_ -: _” appears in the display if you have not set the clock.
- 2) “NO TEXT” appears in the display if the DVD VIDEO is not a DVD-TEXT disc, the AUDIO CD is not a CD-TEXT disc or the VIDEO CD does not have text information.
- 3) The current chapter number and the current title number is displayed for 2 seconds before the display returns to elapsed playing time when you press TIME/TEXT during display of title of the disc.
- 4) When Program Play or Shuffle Play is activated, the elapsed playing time and the remaining time of the disc would be skipped.
- 5) The current album number and the current file number is displayed for 2 seconds before the display returns to elapsed playing time when you press TIME/TEXT during display of title of the file.
- 6) The current track number and current index number is displayed for 2 seconds before the display returns to elapsed playing time when you press TIME/TEXT during display of the title of disc.
- 7) The current scene number is displayed for 2 seconds before the display returns to elapsed playing time when you press TIME/TEXT during display of title of the disc.

Notes

- If you play back a disc containing JPEG image files only, “JPEG” or “NO AUDIO” appears in the display.
- When the selected disc is a DATA CD or DATA DVD with MP3 audio tracks and/or JPEG image files or a DATA CD or DATA DVD with DivX video files, the total number of albums on the disc appears in the display when playback is stopped and the list of album/title/file is not displayed on the TV screen.
- You cannot use TIME/TEXT to change the display of disc information when:
 - a JPEG image file is played back.
 - playback is stopped for DATA CD or DATA DVD with MP3 audio tracks and/or JPEG image files.
 - playback is stopped for DATA CD or DATA DVD with DivX video files.
- If the MP3 audio track title contains characters which cannot be displayed, these characters will be displayed as “*”.
- The elapsed playing time of MP3 audio tracks and DivX video files may not be displayed correctly.

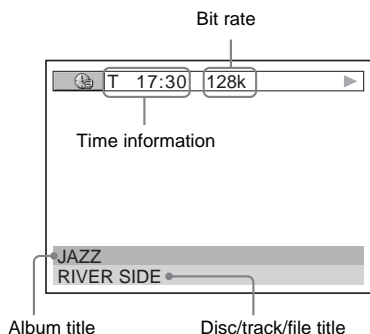
Viewing information about the disc on the TV screen

You can check the elapsed playing time and remaining time of the current disc, title, chapter, track, scene or file, and the total playing time of the disc.

You can also check the DVD-TEXT, CD-TEXT, disc title, album title, track title and file title recorded on the disc.

Press TIME/TEXT repeatedly during playback to change the time and title information.

The time display and title display that you can view on the TV screen depends on the disc you are playing.



The time display appears at the top portion of the TV screen and the title display appears at the bottom portion of the TV screen.

■ When playing a DVD VIDEO or DVD-R/DVD-RW in VR mode

- T **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current title
- T_ **:**:**
Remaining time of the current title
- C **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current chapter
- C_ **:**:**
Remaining time of the current chapter
- **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the menu or current title without a chapter
- Title of disc¹⁾

■ When playing a VIDEO CD or Super VCD (with PBC function is activated)

- **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current scene
- Title of disc¹⁾

■ When playing a Super VCD (with PBC function is not activated)

- T **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current track
- Title of disc¹⁾

■ When playing a VIDEO CD (with PBC function is not activated) or AUDIO CD

- T **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current track
- T _ **:**:**
Remaining time of the current track
- D **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current disc
- D _ **:**:**
Remaining time of the current disc
- Title of disc¹⁾

■ When playing MP3 audio tracks on a DATA CD or DATA DVD

- T **:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current track
- Title of the track and album

■ When playing JPEG image files on a DATA CD or DATA DVD

- Title of the album

■ When playing DivX video files on a DATA CD or DATA DVD

- **:**:**:**
Elapsed playing time of the current file
- Title of the track and file

¹⁾“NO TEXT” appears in the display if:


- the DVD VIDEO is not a DVD-TEXT disc, or
- the AUDIO CD is not a CD-TEXT disc, or
- the VIDEO CD or Super VCD does not have text information.

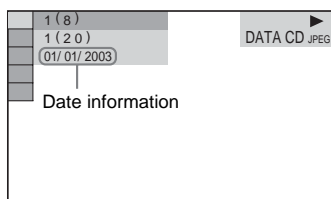
Notes

- Only alphabet letters, numbers and some symbols can be displayed.
- Depending on the type of disc being played back, the system can only display a limited number of characters. Depending on the disc, not all text characters are displayed.
- For MP3 audio tracks with format other than ISO 9660 Level 1 and Level 2, or Joliet in expansion format, album title and track title may not be displayed.

Checking the date information of JPEG image files

You can check the date information during playback when Exif* tag is recorded in the JPEG image files.

Press  **DISPLAY** repeatedly during playback until the **Control Menu for JPEG image files** appears on the TV screen.



* “Exchangeable Image File Format” is a digital camera image format defined by the Japan Electronics & Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA).

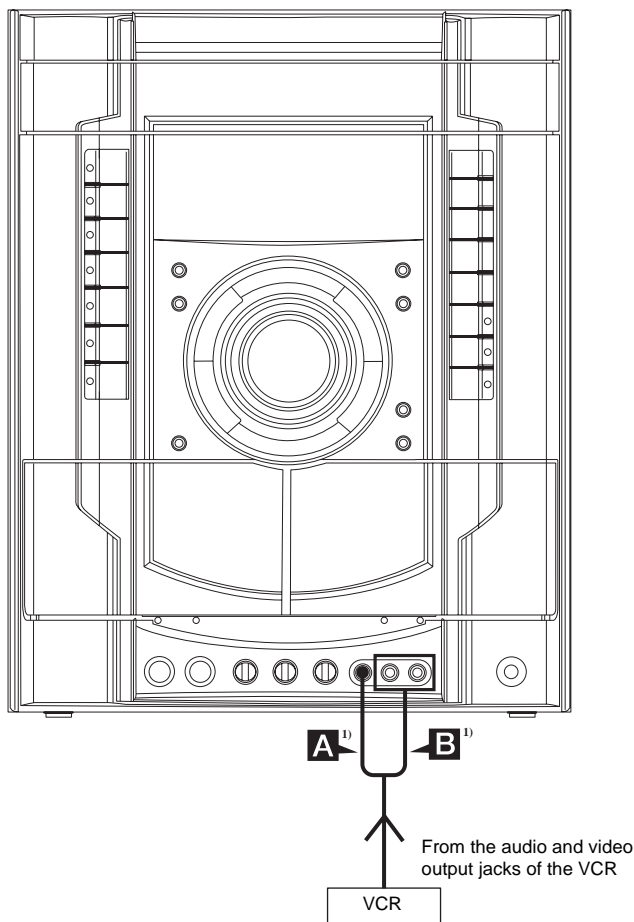
Notes

- If there is no date information or the data is damaged on the disc, the system cannot display the date information.
- The date information format varies depending on the area.

Hooking up optional components

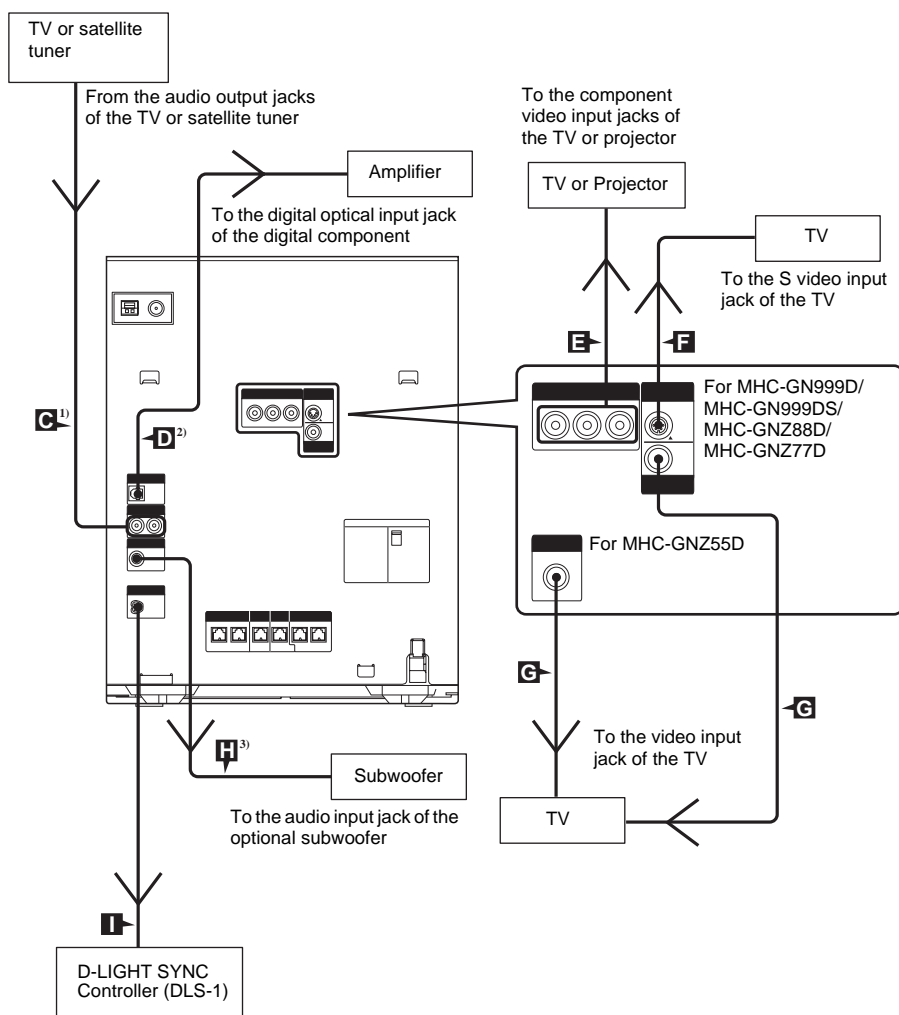
To enhance your system, you can connect optional components. Refer to the operating instructions provided with each component.

Front panel



¹⁾ Except for MHC-GNZ55D.

Rear panel



¹⁾ Except for MHC-GNZ55D.

²⁾ MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only.

³⁾ MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D only.

A VIDEO INPUT VIDEO jack**(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)**

Use a video cord (not supplied) to connect the video output jack of the VCR to this jack. You can then output video signal through this system.

B VIDEO INPUT AUDIO L/R jacks**(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)**

Use audio cords (not supplied) to connect the audio output jacks of the VCR to these jacks. You can then output audio signal through this system.

C TV/SAT AUDIO IN L/R jacks**(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)**

Use audio cords (not supplied) to connect the audio output jacks of an optional component (such as TV or satellite tuner) to these jacks. You can then output audio signal through this system.

D DVD DIGITAL OUT jack**(MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only)**

Use a digital optical cord (square, not supplied) to connect the digital optical input jack of the amplifier to this jack. The sound is output through this system when DVD function is selected. You can enjoy 5.1 channel sound, if the connected amplifier equipped with Dolby Digital or DTS decoder. If the jack is covered with a cap, remove it before use.

Note

If you press AUDIO, SOUND FIELD or any karaoke button, or if you connect or disconnect microphones or headphones, the sound cuts off for a moment.

E COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks**(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)**

Use component video cords (not supplied) to connect the component video input jacks of the TV or projector to these jacks. If your TV accept progressive format signals, you must use this connection and set to progressive format (page 21). You can enjoy higher quality video images.

Note

You cannot output the video signal from the VIDEO INPUT VIDEO jack through the COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks of this unit.

F S VIDEO OUT jack**(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)**

Use an S video cord (not supplied) to connect the S video input jack of the TV to this jack. You can enjoy higher quality video images.

Note

You cannot output the video signal from the VIDEO INPUT VIDEO jack through the S VIDEO OUT jack of this unit.

G VIDEO OUT jack

Use a video cord (supplied) to connect the video input jack of the TV to this jack.

H SUBWOOFER OUT jack**(MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D only)**

Use an audio cord (not supplied) to connect the audio input jack of an optional subwoofer* to this jack.

* SA-GNV111D is recommended.

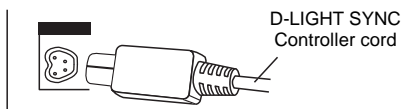
In some areas, the SA-GNV111D may not yet be available.

Note

The effect may be limited or noise may occur depending on the connected subwoofer or the type of music being played back. For details, consult your nearest Sony dealer.

1 D-LIGHT SYNC OUT jack

Connect the D-LIGHT SYNC Controller (not supplied) to this jack. You need to connect the D-LIGHT SYNC Controller to a lighting device* (not supplied). The lighting device will react according to the control signals transmitted by the D-LIGHT SYNC Controller upon receiving music source from the system. For details on the use of the D-LIGHT SYNC Controller and lighting device, refer to the operating instructions supplied with the respective device.



* Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the D-LIGHT SYNC Controller for the recommended lighting device.

Note

The lighting effect may be different depending on the connected lighting device or the type of music being played back.

Listening to audio from a connected component

(Except for MHC-GNZ55D)

Listening to a connected TV or satellite tuner

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

1 Connect the audio cords.

See “Hooking up optional components” on page 81.

2 Press TV/SAT.

To switch between the “TV” and “SAT” function

Hold down TV/SAT and press I/⏻ while the system is turned on. Release I/⏻ first, then release TV/SAT. The system switches the function from “TV” to “SAT” or vice versa.

Note

If the sound is distorted or too loud when “TV” is selected, change the function to “SAT”.

Listening to a connected VCR

1 Connect the audio and video cords.

See “Hooking up optional components” on page 81.

2 Press VIDEO on the unit.

Start playing the connected VCR.

Note

The video signal from the connected VCR is only output through the VIDEO OUT jack of this unit.

Tip

You can press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select “TV”, “SAT” or “VIDEO”.

Enjoying the multi channel sound with the optional amplifier

(MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D only)

1 Connect the digital optical cord.

See “Hooking up optional components” on page 81.

2 Connect the speakers to an optional amplifier equipped with a decoder.

For the speakers placement, refer to the operating instructions supplied with the connected amplifier.

3 Start playing a multi channel source, such as a DVD VIDEO.

4 Select the audio format you want.

See “Selecting the audio format” on page 43.

Should you encounter a problem with your system, do the following:

- 1** Make sure the power cord and speaker cords are connected correctly and firmly.
- 2** Find your problem in the troubleshooting checklist below and take the indicated corrective action.

If the problem persists after doing all of the above, consult your nearest Sony dealer.

General

The display starts flashing as soon as you plug in the power cord even though you have not turned on the system.

- The demonstration mode started. Press **I/⏻**

There is acoustic feedback.

- Reduce the volume.
- Move the microphone away from the speakers or change the direction of the microphone.

The color irregularity on a TV screen persists.

- Turn off the TV set once, then turn it on after 15 to 30 minutes. If the color irregularity still persists, place the speakers farther away from the TV set.

The sound from the component connected to the TV/SAT AUDIO IN L/R jacks is distorted.*

- If “TV” appears in the display when you press TV/SAT on the unit, switch to “SAT” function (see “Listening to a connected TV or satellite tuner” on page 84).

* Except for MHC-GNZ55D.

Speakers

Sound comes from one channel or unbalanced left and right volume.

- Place the speakers as symmetrically as possible.
- Check that the speaker are connected securely and correctly.
- The source being played back is monaural.
- Adjust the level of each speaker (page 55).

The sound comes from the center speaker only.²⁾

- Depending on the disc, the sound may come from the center speaker only.

There is no sound from the subwoofer.¹⁾

- Set the subwoofer level to the appropriate level.
- No sound is produced from the subwoofer when you play back a DVD VIDEO that does not have subwoofer output recorded.
- The software being played back has limited sound effects.
- Check that the subwoofer is connected securely and correctly.
- Make sure that “SUBWOOFER” is set to “YES” (page 54 or 55).
- (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only)
Make sure you have pressed SUB WOOFER ON/OFF on the unit to turn on the subwoofer.

There is no sound from the surround speaker.²⁾

- Set the surround speaker level to the appropriate level.
- The software being played back has limited sound effects. Check the volume with the test tone (page 56).
- Check that the surround speakers are connected securely and correctly.
- Make sure that “SURROUND” is set to “SIDE” or “BEHIND” (page 54).

There is no sound from the center speaker.²⁾

- Set the center speaker level to the appropriate level.
- The software being played back has limited sound effects. Check the volume with the test tone (page 56).
- Check that the center speaker is connected securely and correctly.
- Make sure that “CENTER” is set to “YES” (page 54).

Sound lacks bass.

- Check that the speaker’s + and – terminals are connected correctly.

¹⁾ Except for MHC-GNZ55D.


²⁾ Except for MHC-GNZ77D/MHC-GNZ55D.

Disc Player



The disc tray does not open and “LOCKED” appears in the display.

- Consult your nearest Sony dealer or local authorized Sony service facility.



The disc tray does not close.

- Load the disc correctly.
- Always close the disc tray by pressing  OPEN/CLOSE on the unit. Do not forcibly push the disc tray to close it as this may cause a malfunction.

The disc does not eject.

- You cannot eject the disc during CD Synchro Recording. Press  to cancel the CD Synchro Recording, then press  OPEN/CLOSE on the unit to eject the disc.
- Consult your nearest Sony dealer.




Playback does not start.

- Open the disc tray and check whether a disc is loaded.
- Wipe the disc clean (page 93).
- Reload the disc.
- Load the disc that this system can play back (page 6).
- Load the disc correctly.
- Load the disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up.
- Remove the disc and wipe away the moisture on the disc, then leave the system turned on for a few hours until the moisture evaporates.
- Press  (or  on the unit) to start playback.
- The region code on the DVD VIDEO does not match the system.
- Cancel the Custom Parental Control function (page 46).

The sound skips.

- Wipe the disc clean (page 93).
- Reload the disc.
- Move the unit to a place without vibration (e.g., on top of a stable stand).
- Move the speakers away from the unit, or place them on separate stands. When you listen to a track with bass sounds at high volume, the speaker vibration may cause the sound to skip.

Playback does not start from the first track.

- The system is in Program Play or Shuffle Play mode. Turn off Program Play and Shuffle Play.
- Resume Play has been selected. Press  twice. Then, press  (or  on the unit) to start playback (page 26).
- The title, DVD or PBC menu automatically appears on the TV screen.

Playback starts automatically.

- The DVD VIDEO features an auto playback function.

Playback stops automatically.

- Some discs may contain an auto pause signal. While playing such a disc, the playback stops at auto pause signal.

You cannot perform some functions such as Stop, Lock Search, Slow-motion Play, Repeat Play, Shuffle Play or Program Play.

- Depending on the disc, you may not be able to do some of the operations above. Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the disc.

The MP3 audio track cannot be played back.

- The DATA CD is not recorded in an MP3 format that conforms to ISO 9660 Level 1, Level 2, or Joliet in expansion format.
- The DATA DVD is not recorded in an MP3 format that conforms to UDF (Universal Disk Format).
- The MP3 audio track does not have the extension “.MP3”.
- The data is not stored in MP3 format.
- The MP3 audio tracks in format other than MPEG 1 Audio Layer 3 cannot be played back.
- The system can playback to a depth of 8 folders only.
- The “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” setting has been set to “IMAGE (JPEG)” (page 36).
- The disc contains more than 200 albums.
- The album contains more than 600 tracks when the “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “AUDIO (MP3)”.
- The album contains more than 300 tracks when the “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “AUTO”.
- The DATA CD or DATA DVD contains a DivX video file.

The MP3 audio tracks take longer time to play back than others.

- After the system reads all the tracks on the disc, playback may take more time than usual if:
 - the number of albums or tracks on the disc is very large.
 - the album and track organization structure is very complex.

The JPEG image file cannot be played back.

- The DATA CD is not recorded in a JPEG format that conforms to ISO 9660 Level 1, Level 2, or Joliet in expansion format.
- The DATA DVD is not recorded in a JPEG format that conforms to UDF (Universal Disk Format).
- The JPEG image file does not have the extension “.JPG” or “.JPEG”.
- The data is not stored in JPEG format.
- The JPEG image file is larger than 3,072 (width) × 2,048 (height) in normal mode, or more than 2,000,000 pixels in Progressive JPEG mode which is mainly used on the Internet website.
- The “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” setting has been set to “AUDIO (MP3)” (page 36).
- The system can play back to a depth of 8 folders only.
- JPEG image files with a high width to length ratio cannot be played back.
- The disc contains more than 200 albums.

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- The album contains more than 600 files when the “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “IMAGE (JPEG)”.
- The album contains more than 300 files when the “MODE (MP3, JPEG)” is set to “AUTO”.
- The DATA CD or DATA DVD contains a DivX video file.

The DivX video file cannot be played back.¹⁾

- The DATA CD is not recorded in a DivX format that conforms to ISO 9660 Level 1, Level 2, or Joliet in expansion format.
- The DATA DVD is not recorded in a DivX format that conforms to UDF (Universal Disk Format).
- The DivX video file does not have the extension “.AVI” or “.DIVX”.
- DivX video files with a high width to length ratio cannot be played back.
- The data is not stored in DivX format.
- The disc contains more than 200 albums.
- The album contains more than 600 files.
- The system can play back to a depth of 8 folders only.

The disc title, album title, track title, CD-TEXT and DVD-TEXT characters do not appear properly.


- Use a disc that conforms to the ISO 9660 Level 1, Level 2, or Joliet in expansion format.
- The character code that can be displayed by this system are as follows:
 - Upper cases (A to Z)
 - Numbers (0 to 9)
 - Symbols (<> * +, - / [] \ _)

Other characters may not be displayed correctly.

The surround effect is difficult to hear when you are playing a Dolby Digital or MPEG audio sound track.

- Make sure the sound field is set properly (page 65).
- Check the speaker connections and settings (pages 15 and 53).
- Depending on the DVD VIDEO, the output signal may not be the entire 5.1 channel. It may be monaural or stereo, even if the sound track is recorded in Dolby Digital or MPEG audio format.

The sound loses stereo effect when you play back an AUDIO CD, VIDEO CD, MP3 audio track, DivX video file or DVD VIDEO.

- Unplug the microphone or press KARAOKE MODE repeatedly until “” disappears from the display.
- Make sure the system is connected properly.

When you press ◀◀ or ▶▶, “Operation not Possible” appears on the TV screen.²⁾

- The CD Graphics is played back. This is not a malfunction.

¹⁾MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D* only.

* Russian model only.

²⁾Latin American models only.

Picture

There is no picture.

- Press FUNCTION +/- repeatedly to select “DVD” (or press DVD on the unit).
- Check that the system is connected securely.
- The video cord is damaged. Replace it with a new one.
- Make sure you connect the unit to the video input jack of your TV (page 15).
- Make sure you turn on the TV and operate the TV correctly.
- You have connected your TV to the unit’s COMPONENT VIDEO OUT jacks but your TV cannot accept the signal in progressive format. In this case, set to interlace format (the default setting) (page 21).*
- You have set to progressive format but your TV cannot accept the signal in progressive format. In this case, set to interlace format (the default setting) (page 21).*
- Even if your TV is compatible with progressive format (525p/625p) signals, the image may be affected when you set to progressive format. In this case, set to interlace format (the default setting) (page 21).*
- Make sure you select the video input on the TV so that you can view the pictures from the system.
- Make sure you set the color system correctly, according to your TV’s color system.

Picture noise appears.

- Clean the disc.
- If video signal from your system has to go through your VCR to your TV, the copy-protection applied to some DVD VIDEO programs could affect the picture quality. If you still experience problems after checking your connections, connect your unit directly to your TV's S video input (page 16).*
- Set the color system to match your TV (page 51).

The aspect ratio of the TV screen cannot be changed even though you can set "TV TYPE" under "SCREEN SETUP" in the Setup Menu when you play back a wide picture.

- The aspect ratio is fixed on your DVD VIDEO.
- If you connect the unit with the S video cord, connect directly to the TV.* Otherwise, you may not change the aspect ratio.
- Depending on the TV, you may not change the aspect ratio.

Messages do not appear on the TV screen in the language you want.

- Select the language you want for the on-screen display in "OSD" under "LANGUAGE SETUP" in the Setup Menu (page 50).

The language for the sound track cannot be changed.

- Multilingual tracks are not recorded on the DVD VIDEO being played back.
- The DVD VIDEO prohibits changing the language for the sound track.

The subtitles language cannot be changed.

- Multilingual subtitles are not recorded on the DVD VIDEO being played back.
- The DVD VIDEO prohibits changing the subtitles.

The subtitles cannot be turned off.

- The DVD VIDEO prohibits turning off subtitles.

The angles cannot be changed.

- Multi-angles are not recorded on the DVD VIDEO being played back.
- The DVD VIDEO prohibits changing the angles.

* Except for MHC-GNZ55D.

Tuner

There is severe hum or noise. ("TUNED" or "STEREO" flashes in the display)

- Set the proper band and frequency (page 57).
- Connect the antenna properly (page 16).
- Find a place and an orientation that provide good reception, then set up the antenna again. If you cannot obtain good reception, we recommend that you connect a commercially available external antenna.
- The supplied FM lead antenna receives signals along its entire length, so make sure you extend it fully.
- Locate the antennas as far away from the speaker cords as possible.
- Try turning off the surrounding electrical equipment.

A stereo FM program cannot be received in stereo.

- Press FM MODE repeatedly until "MONO" disappears from the display.

Tape deck

The tape does not record or playback, or there is a decrease in sound level.

- The tape heads are dirty (see "Cleaning the tape heads" on page 93).
- The record/playback heads are magnetized (see "Demagnetizing the tape heads" on page 93).

The tape does not erase completely.

- The record/playback heads are magnetized (see "Demagnetizing the tape heads" on page 93).

There is excessive wow or flutter, or the sound drops out.

- The capstans or pinch rollers are dirty (see "Cleaning the tape heads" on page 93).

Noise increases or the high frequencies are erased.

- The record/playback heads are magnetized (see "Demagnetizing the tape heads" on page 93).

The tape does not record.

- No tape is loaded. Load a tape.
 - The tab has been removed from the tape. Cover the broken tab with adhesive tape (page 93).
 - The tape has reeled to the end.
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


Optional components

There is no sound.

- Refer to General item “There is no sound.” (page 85) and check the condition of the system.
- Connect the component properly (page 81) while checking:
 - if the cords are connected properly.
 - if the cord plugs are firmly inserted all the way.
- Turn on the connected component.
- Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the connected component and start playing.

If the system still does not operate properly after performing the above measures or other troubles not described above occur, reset the system as follows:

Use the buttons on the unit for the operation.

- 1 Unplug the power cord.
- 2 Plug the power cord back in.
- 3 Press  to turn on the unit.
- 4 Press , ILLUMINATION and  at the same time.






“COLD RESET” appears in the display.

The system is reset to the factory settings except for DVD settings. You need to readjust all the settings you made, such as the preset stations, clock and timer.


To return the DVD setup to the default settings*, perform reset as follows:

- 1 Press  **DISPLAY** when playback is stopped.

The Control Menu appears on the TV screen.

- 2 Press  or  repeatedly to select  (**SETUP**), then press **ENTER**.
- 3 Press  or  repeatedly to select **“RESET”**, then press **ENTER**.

- 4 Press  or  repeatedly to select **“YES”**, then press **ENTER**

It takes a few seconds to complete. Do not press  when resetting the system.

* Except for Parental Control settings

Notes

- (MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only)
Turn off the subwoofer before you reset the system.
- (MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D only)
If you have connected an optional subwoofer, turn off the subwoofer before you reset the system.

Self-diagnosis Function

(When letters/numbers appear in the display)

When the self-diagnosis function is activated to prevent the system from malfunctioning, a 5-character service number (e.g. C 13 50) with a combination of a letter and 4 digits appears on the TV screen and the front panel display. In this case, check the following table.

First 3 characters of the service number	Cause and corrective action
C 13	This disc is dirty. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean the disc with a soft cloth (page 93).
C 31	The disc is not inserted correctly. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restart the system, then re-insert the disc correctly.
E XX (XX is a number)	To prevent a malfunction, the system has performed the self-diagnosis function. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact your nearest Sony dealer or local authorized Sony service facility and give the 5-character service number. Example: E 61 10

Messages

One of the following messages may appear or flash in the front panel display during operation.

Disc

CANNOT PLAY

- A disc that cannot be played back was inserted.
- A DVD VIDEO with unsupported region code was inserted.

NO DISC

There is no disc on the disc tray.

PUSH STOP

You have pressed the buttons whose operation is only possible when playback is stopped.

READING

The system is reading information of the disc. Some buttons are not available.

PLEASE WAIT

The system is doing initialization process.

DATA ERROR

- The MP3 audio track, JPEG image file and DivX video file you want to play back is damaged.
- The MP3 audio track does not conform to MPEG 1 Audio Layer 3 format.
- The JPEG image file does not conform to DCF format.
- The DivX video file does not conform to a DivX Certified profiles.
- The MP3 audio track has the extension “.MP3” but it is not in MP3 format.
- The JPEG image file has the extension “.JPG” or “.JPEG” but it is not in JPEG format.
- The DivX video file has the extension “.AVI” or “.DIVX” but it is not in DivX format.

PASSWORD

Custom Parental Control or Parental Control is set.

Tape

NO TAB

You cannot record the tape because the tab has been removed from the tape.

NO TAPE

There is no tape in the tape deck.

Timer

OFF TIME NG

The on time and off time of Play Timer or Timer Recording is the same.

Others

NOT IN USE

You have pressed a button whose operation is not allowed or invalid at that time.

INVALID

You have pressed an invalid button.

When displaying the version number on the TV screen

When you turn on the system, the version number “VER.X.XX” (X is a number) may appear on the TV screen. Although this is not a malfunction and for Sony service use only, normal system operation will not be possible. Turn off the system, and then turn on the system again to operate.



Additional Information

Precautions

On operating voltage

Before operating the system, check that the operating voltage of the unit is identical with the voltage of your local power supply.

On safety

- The unit is not disconnected from the AC power source (mains) as long as it is connected to the wall outlet, even if the unit itself has been turned off.
- Unplug the unit from the wall outlet (mains) if it is not to be used for an extended period of time. To disconnect the power cord (mains lead), pull it out by the plug. Never pull the cord itself.
- Should any solid object or liquid fall into the unit, unplug the unit and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.
- AC power cord must be changed only at the qualified service shop.

On placement

- Do not place the unit in an inclined position.
- Do not place the unit in locations where it is:
 - extremely hot or cold
 - dusty or dirty
 - very humid
 - subject to vibrations
 - subject to direct sunlight.
- Use caution when placing the unit or speakers on surfaces that have been specially treated (with wax, oil, polish, etc.) as staining or discoloration of the surface may result.

On heat build-up

- Although the unit heats up during operation, this is not a malfunction.
- Place the unit in a location with adequate ventilation to prevent heat build-up in the unit.
- If you continuously use this unit at a large volume, the cabinet temperature of the top, side and bottom rises considerably. To avoid burning yourself, do not touch the cabinet.
- To prevent a malfunction, do not cover the ventilation hole for the cooling fan.

In case color irregularity is observed on a nearby TV screen

With the magnetically shielded type of speakers, the speakers can be installed near a TV set. However, color irregularity may still be observed on the TV screen depending on the type of your TV set.

If color irregularity is observed...

Turn off the TV set once, then turn it on after 15 to 30 minutes.

If color irregularity is observed again...

Place the speakers farther away from the TV set.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Caution: This system is capable of holding a still video image or on-screen display image on your TV screen indefinitely. If you leave the still video image or on-screen display image displayed on your TV for an extended period of time, you risk permanent damage to your TV screen. Projection TVs are especially susceptible to this.

On operation

- If the unit is brought directly from a cold to a warm location, or is placed in a very damp room, moisture may condense on the lens inside the unit.

Should this occur, the system will not operate properly. Remove the disc and leave the system turned on for about an hour until the moisture evaporates.
- Before you move the unit, make sure that all discs are removed from the unit.

If you have any questions or problems concerning your system, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

On cleaning disc, disc/lens cleaner

Do not use a commercially available cleaning disc or disc/lens cleaner (wet or spray type). These may cause apparatus to malfunction.

Notes on discs

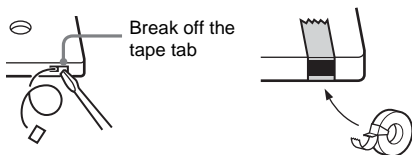
- Before playing, clean the disc with a cleaning cloth. Wipe the disc from the center out.
- Do not use solvents such as benzene, thinner, commercially available cleaners or anti-static spray intended for vinyl LPs.
- Do not expose the disc to direct sunlight or heat sources such as hot air ducts nor leave it in a car parked under direct sunlight.
- Do not use discs encircled with a protection ring. This may cause a malfunction to the system.
- When using discs that have glue or similar tacky substance on the label side of the disc or that used a special ink when the label was printed, there is a chance that the disc or label may become attached to parts inside this unit. When this occurs, it may not be possible to remove the disc, and may also cause this system to malfunction. Be sure to check that the label side of the disc is not sticky before using. The following types of disc should not be used:
 - rental or used discs with attached seals where the glue extends beyond the seal. The perimeter of the seal on the disc is tacky.
 - discs that have labels printed using a special ink that feels tacky when touched.
- Discs with non-standard shapes (e.g., heart, square, star) cannot be played back on this system. Attempting to do so may damage the system. Do not use such discs.

Cleaning the cabinet

Clean the cabinet, panel and controls with a soft cloth slightly moistened with mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of abrasive pad, scouring powder or solvent such as thinner, benzene or alcohol.

To save a tape permanently

To prevent a tape from being accidentally recorded over, break off the tape tab from side A or B as illustrated.



If you later want to reuse the tape for recording, cover the broken tab with adhesive tape.

Before placing a tape into the tape deck

Take up any slack in the tape deck. Otherwise, the tape may get entangled in the parts of the tape deck and become damaged.

When using a tape longer than 90 minutes

The tape is very elastic. Do not change the tape operations such as playback, stop and fast-winding etc. frequently. The tape may get entangled in the tape deck.

Cleaning the tape heads

Clean the tape heads after every 10 hours of use. Be sure to clean the tape heads before you start an important recording or after playing an old tape. Use a separately sold dry-type or wet-type cleaning tape. For details, refer to the instructions of the cleaning tape.

Demagnetizing the tape heads

Demagnetize the tape heads and the metal parts that have contact with the tape after every 20 to 30 hours of use with a separately sold demagnetizing tape. For details, refer to the instructions of the demagnetizing tape.

Specifications

Amplifier section

MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS (HCD-GN999D)

The following are measured at AC 120, 127, 220, 240V, 50/60 Hz

DIN power output (rated) 135 W + 135 W
(6 ohms at 1 kHz, DIN)

Continuous RMS power output (reference)

Front speaker: 160 W + 160 W
(6 ohms at 1 kHz, 10% THD)

Center speaker: 50 W
(16 ohms at 1 kHz, 10% THD)

Surround speaker: 50 W + 50 W
(16 ohms at 1 kHz, 10% THD)

Subwoofer: 160 W (6 ohms at 100 Hz, 10% THD)

Tape deck section

Recording system	4-track 2-channel stereo
Frequency response	50 – 13,000 Hz (± 3 dB), using Sony TYPE I tape
Wow and flutter	$\pm 0.15\%$ W.Peak (IEC) 0.1% W.RMS (NAB) $\pm 0.2\%$ W.Peak (DIN)

Tuner section

FM stereo, FM/AM superheterodyne tuner

FM tuner section

Tuning range	87.5 – 108.0 MHz (50 kHz step)
Antenna	FM lead antenna
Antenna terminals	75 ohms unbalanced
Intermediate frequency	10.7 MHz

AM tuner section

Tuning range	
Latin American models:	530 – 1,710 kHz (with the interval set at 10 kHz) 531 – 1,710 kHz (with the interval set at 9 kHz)
Saudi Arabian and Russian models:	531 – 1,602 kHz (with the interval set at 9 kHz)
Other models:	531 – 1,602 kHz (with the interval set at 9 kHz) 530 – 1,710 kHz (with the interval set at 10 kHz)
Antenna	AM loop antenna
Antenna terminals	External antenna terminal
Intermediate frequency	450 kHz

Speaker

For MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS

• Front speaker (SS-GN999D/SS-GN999S)

Speaker system	2-way, bass-reflex type, magnetically shielded
Speaker units	
Woofer:	20 cm, cone type
Tweeter:	2.5 cm, horn type
Nominal impedance	6 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 281 x 417 x 310.5 mm
Mass	Approx. 7.2 kg net per speaker

• Surround speaker (SS-RSX999D)

Speaker system	Full range, bass-reflex type
Speaker units	
Full range:	8 cm, cone type x 2
Nominal impedance	16 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 268 x 107 x 117 mm
Mass	Approx. 1.2 kg net per speaker

• Center speaker (SS-CT999D)

Speaker system	Full range, bass-reflex type, magnetically shielded
Speaker units	
Full range:	8 cm, cone type x 2
Nominal impedance	16 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 268 x 107 x 117 mm
Mass	Approx. 1.4 kg

• Sub woofer (SS-WGV999D)

Speaker system	1-way, bass-reflex type, magnetically shielded
Speaker units	
Woofer:	20 cm, cone type
Nominal Impedance	6 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 262 x 327 x 370 mm
Mass	Approx. 6.6 kg

For MHC-GNZ88D

• Front speaker (SS-GNZ88D)

Speaker system	2-way, bass-reflex type, magnetically shielded
Speaker units	
Woofer:	18 cm, cone type
Tweeter:	5 cm, horn type
Nominal Impedance	4 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 238 x 362 x 245 mm
Mass	Approx. 4.2 kg net per speaker

• Surround speaker (SS-RS8D)

Speaker system	Full range, bass-reflex type
Speaker units	
Full range:	8 cm, cone type
Nominal Impedance	8 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 165 x 95 x 99 mm
Mass	Approx. 0.7 kg net per speaker

• Center speaker (SS-CT8D)

Speaker system	Full range, bass-reflex type, magnetically shielded
Speaker units	
Full range:	8 cm, cone type
Nominal Impedance	8 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 225 x 95 x 100 mm
Mass	Approx. 0.9 kg

For MHC-GNZ77D

• Front speaker (SS-GNZ77D)

Speaker system	2-way, bass-reflex type, magnetically shielded
Speaker units	
Woofer:	18 cm, cone type
Tweeter:	5 cm, horn type
Nominal Impedance	4 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 238 x 362 x 245 mm
Mass	Approx. 4.2 kg net per speaker

For MHC-GNZ55D

• Front speaker (SS-GNZ55D)

Speaker system	2-way, bass-reflex type, magnetically shielded
Speaker units	
Woofer:	18 cm, cone type
Tweeter:	5 cm, horn type
Nominal Impedance	4 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d)	Approx. 238 x 362 x 225 mm
Mass	Approx. 4.1 kg net per speaker

General

Power requirements	
Australian model:	230 – 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz
Mexican model:	127 V AC, 60 Hz
Saudi Arabian model:	120 – 127 V or 220 – 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz Adjustable with voltage selector
Thai model:	220 V AC, 50/60 Hz
Other models:	120 V or 220 – 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz Adjustable with voltage selector

Power consumption

MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS:

160 W

MHC-GNZ88D: 100 W

MHC-GNZ77D: 75 W

MHC-GNZ55D: 45 W

Dimensions (w/h/d) (Approx.)

HCD-GN999D/HCD-GNZ88D/HCD-GNZ77D/

HCD-GNZ55D:

280 x 326 x 385.5 mm

Mass (Approx.)

HCD-GN999D/HCD-GNZ88D:

7.1 kg

HCD-GNZ77D/HCD-GNZ55D:

6.4 kg

Supplied accessories

Remote Commander (1)
Batteries (2)
AM loop antenna (1)
FM lead antenna (1)
Video cord (1)
Front speaker pads (8)
Surround speaker pads (8)
(MHC-GN999D/
MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D only)
Center speaker pads (4)
(MHC-GN999D/
MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D only)
Subwoofer pads (4)
(MHC-GN999D/
MHC-GN999DS only)
Speaker cords (10 m) (2)
(MHC-GN999D/
MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D only)
Speaker cord (3 m) (1)
(MHC-GNZ88D only)
Karaoke DVD disc (2)
(Russian model only)
Microphone (1)
(Russian model only)

Design and specifications are subject to change without notice.

DVD setup menu item list

You can set the following items with the DVD setup menu.

The default settings are underlined.

LANGUAGE SETUP (page 50)

OSD	Select the language you want to use from the displayed language list.
MENU	Select the language you want to use from the displayed language list.
AUDIO	Select the language you want to use from the displayed language list.
SUBTITLE	Select the language you want to use from the displayed language list.

SCREEN SETUP (page 50)

TV TYPE ¹⁾	16:9 4:3 LETTER BOX 4:3 PAN SCAN
COLOR	<u>AUTO</u>
SYSTEM (VIDEO CD) ²⁾	PAL NTSC
SCREEN SAVER	<u>ON</u> OFF
BACKGROUND	<u>JACKET PICTURE</u> GRAPHICS BLUE BLACK
BLACK LEVEL ³⁾	<u>ON</u> OFF
BLACK LEVEL (COMPONENT OUT) ³⁾	<u>OFF</u> ON
4:3 OUTPUT ⁴⁾	FULL NORMAL

CUSTOM SETUP (page 52)

PAUSE MODE	<u>AUTO</u> FRAME
TRACK	<u>OFF</u>
SELECTION	AUTO
MULTI-DISC	<u>ON</u>
RESUME	OFF
AUDIO DRC	<u>OFF</u> STANDARD MAX
DivX ⁶⁾	Registration Code →

SPEAKER SETUP⁴⁾ (page 53)

SIZE	FRONT	<u>YES</u>
	CENTER ⁵⁾	<u>YES</u>
		NONE
	SURROUND ⁵⁾	<u>BEHIND</u>
		SIDE NONE
DISTANCE ⁵⁾	FRONT	<u>3.0m</u> (1.0 m - 7.0 m)
	CENTER	<u>3.0m</u> (0.0 m - 7.0 m)
	SURROUND	<u>3.0m</u> (0.0 m - 7.0 m)
LEVEL (FRONT)	L	<u>0.0 dB</u> (-6.0 dB – 0.0 dB)
	R	<u>0.0 dB</u> (-6.0 dB – 0.0 dB)
	CENTER ⁵⁾	<u>0.0 dB</u> (-6.0 dB – +6.0 dB)
	SUBWOOFER	<u>+3.0 dB⁷⁾</u> , <u>0.0 dB⁸⁾</u> (-6.0 dB – +6.0 dB) ⁷⁾ (-10.0 dB – +10.0 dB) ⁸⁾
LEVEL (SURROUND) ⁵⁾	L	<u>0.0 dB</u> (-6.0 dB – +6.0 dB)
	R	<u>0.0 dB</u> (-6.0 dB – +6.0 dB)
TEST TONE ⁵⁾	<u>OFF</u>	
	ON	

SETUP (page 19, 49, 90)

QUICK	
CUSTOM	
RESET	YES NO

1) The default setting varies depending on the area.

2) Except for Latin American and Russian models.

3) Latin American models only.

4) Except for MHC-GNZ55D.

5) Except for MHC-GNZ77D.

6) MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/MHC-GNZ88D/
MHC-GNZ77D* only.
* Russian model only

7) MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS only.

8) MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D only.

Language code list

For details, see page 50.

The language spellings conform to the ISO 639:1988 (E/F) standard.

Code	Language	Code	Language	Code	Language	Code	Language
1027	Afar	1186	Scots Gaelic	1350	Malayalam	1513	Siswati
1028	Abkhazian	1194	Galician	1352	Mongolian	1514	Sesotho
1032	Afrikaans	1196	Guarani	1353	Moldavian	1515	Sundanese
1039	Amharic	1203	Gujarati	1356	Marathi	1516	Swedish
1044	Arabic	1209	Hausa	1357	Malay	1517	Swahili
1045	Assamese	1217	Hindi	1358	Maltese	1521	Tamil
1051	Aymara	1226	Croatian	1363	Burmese	1525	Telugu
1052	Azerbaijani	1229	Hungarian	1365	Nauru	1527	Tajik
1053	Bashkir	1233	Armenian	1369	Nepali	1528	Thai
1057	Byelorussian	1235	Interlingua	1376	Dutch	1529	Tigrinya
1059	Bulgarian	1239	Interlingue	1379	Norwegian	1531	Turkmen
1060	Bihari	1245	Inupiak	1393	Occitan	1532	Tagalog
1061	Bislama	1248	Indonesian	1403	(Afan) Oromo	1534	Setswana
1066	Bengali; Bangla	1253	Icelandic	1408	Oriya	1535	Tonga
1067	Tibetan	1254	Italian	1417	Punjabi	1538	Turkish
1070	Breton	1257	Hebrew	1428	Polish	1539	Tsonga
1079	Catalan	1261	Japanese	1435	Pashto; Pushto	1540	Tatar
1093	Corsican	1269	Yiddish	1436	Portuguese	1543	Twi
1097	Czech	1283	Javanese	1463	Quechua	1557	Ukrainian
1103	Welsh	1287	Georgian	1481	Rhaeto-Romance	1564	Urdu
1105	Danish	1297	Kazakh	1482	Kirundi	1572	Uzbek
1109	German	1298	Greenlandic	1483	Romanian	1581	Vietnamese
1130	Bhutani	1299	Cambodian	1489	Russian	1587	Volapük
1142	Greek	1300	Kannada	1491	Kinyarwanda	1613	Wolof
1144	English	1301	Korean	1495	Sanskrit	1632	Xhosa
1145	Esperanto	1305	Kashmiri	1498	Sindhi	1665	Yoruba
1149	Spanish	1307	Kurdish	1501	Sangho	1684	Chinese
1150	Estonian	1311	Kirghiz	1502	Serbo-Croatian	1697	Zulu
1151	Basque	1313	Latin	1503	Singhalese	1703	Not specified
1157	Persian	1326	Lingala	1505	Slovak		
1165	Finnish	1327	Laothian	1506	Slovenian		
1166	Fiji	1332	Lithuanian	1507	Samoa		
1171	Faroese	1334	Latvian; Lettish	1508	Shona		
1174	French	1345	Malagasy	1509	Somali		
1181	Frisian	1347	Maori	1511	Albanian		
1183	Irish	1349	Macedonian	1512	Serbian		

Glossary

Album

Section of a music or picture piece on a DATA CD or DATA DVD containing MP3 audio tracks, JPEG image files or DivX image files.

Chapter

Subdivision of a title on a DVD VIDEO. A title is composed of several chapters.

DivX®

Digital video technology created by DivX, Inc. Videos encoded with DivX technology are among the highest quality with a relatively small file size.

Dolby Digital

This sound format for movie theaters is more advanced than Dolby Surround Pro Logic. In this format, the surround speakers output stereo sound with an expanded frequency range and a subwoofer channel for deep bass is independently provided. This format is also called "5.1" because the subwoofer channel is counted as 0.1 channel (since it functions only when a deep bass effect is needed). All six channels in this format are recorded separately to realize superior channel separation. Furthermore, since all the signals are processed digitally, less signal degradation occurs.

Dolby Pro Logic II

Dolby Pro Logic II creates five full-bandwidth output channels from two-channel sources. This is done using an advanced, high-purity matrix surround decoder that extracts the spatial properties of the original recording without adding any new sounds or tonal colorations.

Movie mode

The Movie mode is for use with stereo television shows and all the programmes encoded in Dolby Surround. The result is enhanced sound field directionality that approaches the quality of discrete 5.1-channel sound.

Music mode

The Music mode is for use with any stereo music recordings, and provides a wide and deep sound space.

Dolby Surround Pro Logic

As one method of Dolby Surround decoding, Dolby Surround Pro Logic produces four channels from two-channel sound. Compared with the former Dolby Surround system, Dolby Surround Pro Logic reproduces left-to-right panning more naturally and localizes sounds more precisely. To take full advantages of Dolby Surround Pro Logic, you should have one pair of surround speakers and a center speaker. The surround speakers output monaural sound.

DTS

Digital audio compression technology that the Digital Theater Systems, Inc. developed. This technology conforms to 5.1-channel surround. The surround channel is stereo and there is discrete subwoofer channel in this format. DTS provides the same 5.1 discrete channels of high quality digital audio. The good channel separation is realized because the all channel data is recorded discrete and processed in digital.

DVD VIDEO

A disc that contains up to 8 hours of moving pictures even though its diameter is the same as a AUDIO CD.

The data capacity of a single-layer and single-sided DVD VIDEO, at 4.7 GB (Giga Byte), is 7 times that of a AUDIO CD. Furthermore, the data capacity of a dual-layer and single-sided DVD VIDEO is 8.5 GB, a single-layer and double-sided DVD VIDEO is 9.4 GB, and a dual-layer and double-sided DVD VIDEO is 17 GB. The picture data uses the MPEG 2 format, one of the worldwide standards for digital compression technology. The picture data is compressed to about 1/40 of its original size. The DVD VIDEO also uses variable rate coding technology that changes the data to be allocated according to the status of the picture. The audio data is recorded in Dolby Digital as well as in PCM, allowing you to enjoy more realistic audio presence.

Furthermore, various advanced functions such as the multi-angle, multilingual, and Parental Control functions are provided with the DVD VIDEO.

DVD-RW

A DVD-RW is a recordable and rewritable disc that is the same size as a DVD VIDEO. The DVD-RW has two different modes: VR mode and Video mode. DVD-RWs created in Video mode have the same format as a DVD VIDEO, while discs created in VR (Video Recording) mode allow the contents to be programmed or edited.

DVD+RW

A DVD+RW (plus RW) is a recordable and rewritable disc. DVD+RWs use a recording format that is comparable to the DVD VIDEO format.

File

A JPEG image file or a DivX video file recorded on a DATA CD or DATA DVD. ("File" is an exclusive definition for this system.) A single file consists of a single image or movie.

Film based software, Video based software

DVD VIDEOS can be classified as Film based or Video based software. Film based DVD VIDEOS contain the same images (24 frames per second) that are shown at movie theaters. Video based DVD VIDEOS, such as television dramas or sitcoms, displays images at 30 frames (or 60 fields) per second.

Index (AUDIO CD) / Video Index (VIDEO CD)

A number that divides a track into sections to easily locate the point you want on a VIDEO CD or an AUDIO CD. Depending on the disc, no indexes may be recorded.

Interlace format (Interlaced scanning)

The Interlace format is the NTSC standard method for displaying TV images at 30 frames per second. Each frame is scanned twice—alternately between the even numbered scanning lines and then odd numbered scanning lines, at 60 times per second.

Menu Playback

Playback using the menu screens recorded on VIDEO CDs with PBC functions. You can enjoy simple interactive software using the menu playback function.

Multi-angle function

Various angles, or viewpoints of the video camera, for a scene are recorded on some DVD VIDEOS.

Multilingual function

Several languages for the sound or subtitles in a picture are recorded on some DVD VIDEOS.

Multi Session

This is a recording method that enables adding of data using the Track-At-Once method. Conventional CDs begin at a CD control area called the Lead-in and end at an area called Lead-out. A Multi Session disc is a disc having multiple sessions, with each segment from Lead-in to Lead-out regarded as a single session.

Parental Control

A function of the DVD VIDEO to limit playback of the disc by the age of the users according to the limitation level in each country. The limitation varies from disc to disc; when it is activated, playback is completely prohibited, violent scenes are skipped or replaced with other scenes and so on.

Playback Control (PBC)

Signals encoded on VIDEO CDs (Version 2.0) to control playback. By using menu screens recorded on VIDEO CDs with PBC functions, you can enjoy playing simple interactive programs, programs with search functions, and so on.

This system conforms to Version 1.1 and Version 2.0 of VIDEO CD standards. You can enjoy two kinds of playback depending on the disc type.

VIDEO CDs without PBC functions (Version. 1.1 discs)

Enjoy video playback (moving pictures) as well as music.


VIDEO CDs with PBC functions (Version. 2.0 discs)

Play back interactive software using menu screens displayed on the TV screen (PBC Playback), in addition to the video playback function of Version 1.1 discs. Moreover, you can play high-resolution still pictures, if they are included on the disc.

Progressive format (sequential scanning)

Compared to the Interlace format that alternately shows every other line of an image (field) to create one frame, the Progressive format shows the entire image at once as a single frame. This means that while the Interface format can show 25/30 frames (50/60 fields) in one second, the Progressive format can show 50/60 frames in one second. The overall picture quality increases and still images, text, and horizontal lines appear sharper. This system is compatible with 525/625 progressive format.

Region Code

This system is used to protect copyrights. A region code is allocated on each DVD system or DVD VIDEO according to the sales region. Each region code is shown on the unit as well as on the disc packaging. The system can play back the discs that match its region code. The system can also play back discs with the “” mark. Even when the region code is not shown on the DVD VIDEO, the region limit may still be activated.

Scene

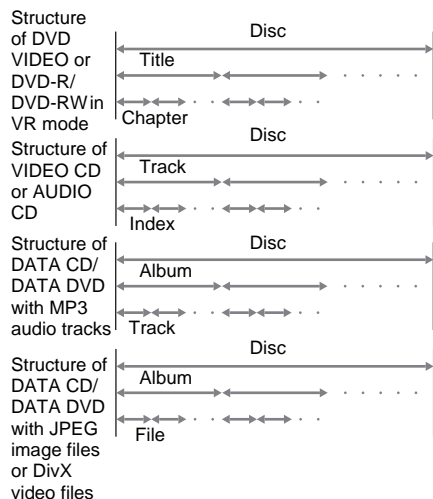
On a VIDEO CD with PBC functions, the menu screens, moving pictures and still pictures are divided into sections called “scenes”. Each scene is assigned a scene number enabling you to locate the scene you want.

Title

The longest section of a picture or a music piece on a DVD VIDEO; a movie, etc., for a picture piece on video software; or an album, etc., for a music piece on audio software. Each title is assigned a title number enabling you to locate the title you want.

Track

Sections of a picture or a music piece on an AUDIO CD, VIDEO CD, DATA CD or DATA DVD. Each track is assigned a track number enabling you to locate the track you want.



VIDEO CD

A compact disc that contains moving pictures. The picture data uses the MPEG 1 format, one of the worldwide standards for digital compression technology. The picture data is compressed to about 1/140 of its original size. Consequently, a 12 cm VIDEO CD can contain up to 74 minutes of moving pictures.

VIDEO CDs also contain compact audio data.

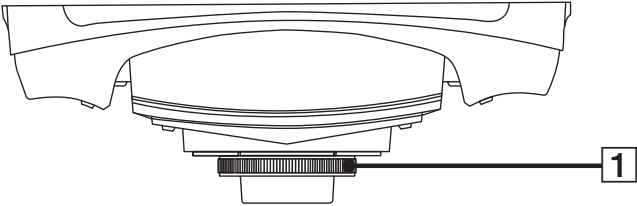
Sound outside the range of human hearing are compressed while the sounds we can hear are not compressed. VIDEO CDs can hold 6 times the audio information of conventional AUDIO CDs.

There are 2 versions of VIDEO CDs.

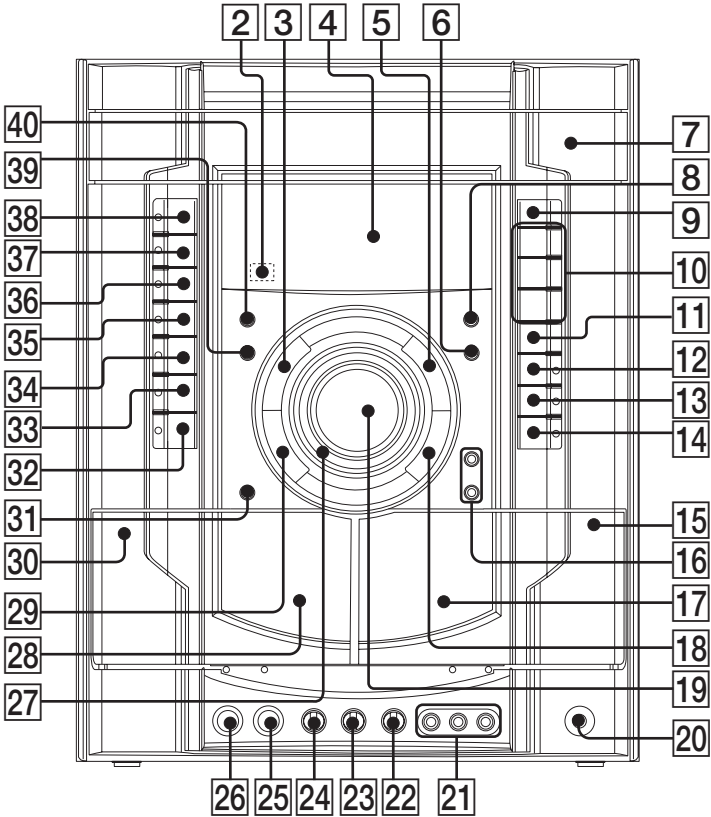
- Version 1.1: You can play back only moving pictures and sounds.
- Version 2.0: You can play back high-resolution still pictures and enjoy PBC functions.

This system conforms to both versions.

Top view



Front view



Remote control

ALPHABETICAL ORDER

A - L

ADVANCE **➡** **24** (25)
 ALBUM +/- **11** (20, 24)
 ANGLE **10** (44)
 AUDIO **8** (34, 43, 67, 70, 83)
 CLEAR **28** (20, 27–30, 35, 41, 53)
 DISC SKIP **3** (25, 28, 29)
 DISPLAY **33** (21, 76, 77)
 ENTER **26** (18–20, 27–31, 34, 36–39, 40, 42, 45–50, 53, 56–59, 68–71, 74–76, 90)
 FM MODE **7** (59, 89)
 FUNCTION +/- **4** (19, 24, 57–60, 67, 75, 84, 88)
 KARAOKE MODE **31** (68, 88)
 KARAOKE PON **30** (68)
 KEY CONTROL **#/b** **32** (69)

M - S

MENU **12** (30, 32, 34–36, 39, 57, 58)
 Numeric Buttons¹⁾²⁾ **29** (17, 20, 21, 24, 30, 31, 41, 46–50, 59)
 PICTURE NAVI **6** (35, 36, 41)
 PRESET + **16** (57–59)
 PRESET - **23** (57–59)
 REPEAT **7** (30)
 REPLAY **◀••** **24** (25)
 SCORE³⁾ **5** (72)
 SLEEP **35** (20, 74)
 SLOW **▶▶** **17** (25)
 SLOW **◀◀** **22** (25)
 SOUND FIELD **5⁴⁾** **13³⁾** (65, 83)
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 SUBTITLE **9** (44)

T - Z

THEATRE SYNC **1** (21)
 TIMER MENU **36** (18, 74–76)
 TIME/TEXT **34** (77–79)
 TOP MENU **27** (30)
 TUNING + **17** (57–59)
 TUNING - **22** (57–59)
 TV²⁾ **20** (17)
 TV CH +²⁾ **16** (17)
 TV CH -²⁾ **23** (17)
 TV/VIDEO²⁾ **35** (17)
 TV VOL +/-¹⁾²⁾ **14** (17)
 TV **I/⏻** (on/standby)²⁾ **2** (17)
 VOLUME +/-¹⁾ **14** (24, 56, 74, 77, 85)

NUMBERS AND SYMBOLS

I/⏻ (on/standby) **2** (16, 18, 74, 75, 85)
■ (stop) **18** (24, 26, 32, 34–36, 39, 45, 58, 60, 75, 86, 87)
|| (pause) **19** (24, 60)
▷¹⁾ (play) **21** (24–27, 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 48, 51, 60, 75, 85, 87)
▶▶ (go forward) **16** (21, 24, 32, 34, 39)
◀◀ (go backward) **23** (24, 32, 34, 39)
▶▶ (fast forward) **17** (24, 60, 88)
◀◀ (rewind) **22** (24, 60, 88)
▲/▼/◀/▶ **26** (18, 19, 27–31, 33–42, 45–50, 56, 65, 68–72, 74–76, 90)
 10/0²⁾ **29**
 -/-²⁾ **28** (17)
↺ RETURN **25** (31, 34, 39, 42)
☐ DISPLAY **15** (9, 20, 26–31, 36, 37, 40–42, 45, 47, 49, 56, 68–72, 80, 90)
◀|| STEP **24** (25)

- 1) The numeric button 5, TV VOL +, VOLUME + and ▷ buttons have a tactile dot. Use the tactile dot as a reference when operating the system.
- 2) This button is used to operate a Sony TV. For details, see “Operating a Sony TV with the remote” on page 17.
- 3) MHC-GN999D/MHC-GN999DS/
MHC-GNZ88D/MHC-GNZ77D only.
- 4) MHC-GNZ55D only.

